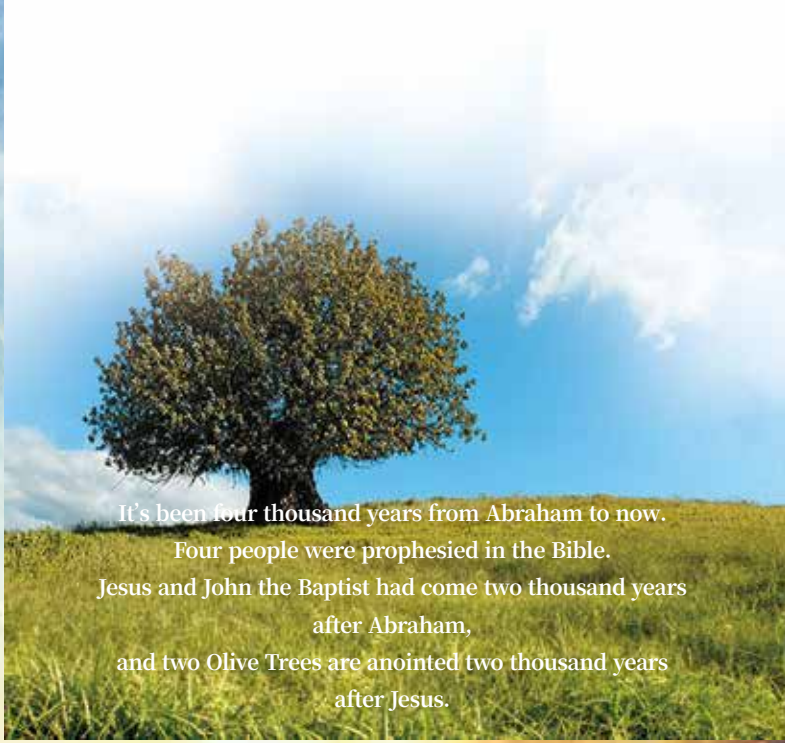


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Jesus and John the Baptist had come two thousand years
after Abraham,
and two Olive Trees are anointed two thousand years
after Jesus.



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Algok Sungjeon. It was constructed and dedicated in 1987 at Gapyeong County, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea. This temple was prophesied in Revelation, in which one angel came out of the temple and said to the Olive Tree, who was sitting on a white cloud, reaping with his sickle. (Rev. 14:15)



Algok Sungjeon Complex. This complex has been being developed since 1985 to bear the tidings of God's work through the Olive Tree and show spiritual scenes in his visions.

Prologue

Preface for the English version

In 2008, the book entitled ‘Is There the Kingdom of Heaven?’ was published in Korean. While I was working on releasing another book introducing the scenes that the Olive Tree (Rev. 11:3-4) saw in his visions recently, I thought it needed to translate this book into English so that foreigners could understand the background of his visions and the Providence of God.

After Christianity came to Korea over two hundred years ago, many people were martyred. During a period roughly spanning a century in the Joseon Dynasty, ten thousand Korean Catholics were killed. During the Japanese colonial

era and under the North Korean communist regime, seven thousand Protestants were martyred. Martyrs are extremely valuable to God. They will be the armies in heaven and will wage war against the troops of Satan in the spiritual world. Therefore, God wants martyrs. Jesus Christ referred to God's soldiers as his 'fruits.'

By Zechariah, God prophesied the two Olive Trees who will be anointed to serve him (Zech. 4:14). Jesus took the cross and went up to heaven. He received the authority to sit to the right of God's throne (Heb. 1:3) and won the book sealed with seven seals that God had in his right hand (Rev. 5:7). The book recorded God's providence and the names of the armies of heaven that God alone knew and worked to fill. After Jesus saw the book, he knew that he needed two Olive Trees as his witnesses (Rev. 11:3-4). As the time to select them came, Jesus searched for the appropriate country to perform the work of the two Olive Trees. He chose Korea, where many people were martyred to keep their faith in God, and prophesied the coming of the two Olive Trees in Korea during the Japanese occupation through two priests.

Now, the second Olive Tree, Lee Youngsoo, is working for God and Jesus Christ. In 1970, Jesus introduced him to God and taught him what to do for them (Rev. 3:5). He learned God's will in his many visions (Rev. 2:17). Lee built a temple according to God's order and made pictures describing the scenes seen in his visions to let people understand the spiritual world. In the drawings, he represents the worlds of both God and Satan. Everybody will go to one of these worlds when he or she passes away. But would a person who does not know the will of God be able to go to God's world? Since God expelled Adam who committed the original sin, nobody has been able to enter God's world with sin. God only accepts righteous people eligible to be his army. After the crucifixion of Jesus, it became possible for those sinned to be cleansed and enter into God's world, given that they meet God's requirements for his army.

The book, 'Is There the Kingdom of Heaven?' is translated into English for people who would like to know more about the providence of God after they saw the pictures describing the scenes that the second Olive

Tree saw in his visions. This book contains the core content of God's providence. It will help you gain a rough understanding of God's will. I used the New International Version to cite the Bible.

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Prologue

Preface

Lee Youngsoo, the Overcomer (*Rev. 2:7, etc.*), never prepares his sermons. Priests in other churches may wonder how he can preach his sermons without preparation. But it is true. Since he began to deliver God's message from 1973, he has been directly providing the words of God and Jesus Christ without his sermon preparation, because God and Jesus directly had taught him.

After he was taken to heaven by Jesus and saw God for the first time in 1970, God showed him his will and how to accomplish it nearly every three days from 1970 to 1973. In one of his visions, God showed him a Bible and ordered him to

open it, and then he saw some texts missed. Lee realized that it was no accident – God was censoring them. When he looked into them, these blank boxes turned into animated scenes, like movies. In these scenes, the servants of God from different historical periods appeared and explained to him the hidden contents of the Bible.

These visions allowed him to gain a profound understanding of God's will despite not having learned the Bible from others and to preach the words of truth accurately. With those words, he published sixteen sermon books since 1974.

The Bible is a very secretive and cryptic book. Why did not God reveal all its contents, but instead veil some parts with metaphors? That's because of his enemy, Satan. God's ultimate goal is to make his enemy a footstool for his feet. The Bible explains the procedure of how God will achieve his goal. If he revealed all his strategies in the Bible, Satan would be able to prevent his plan so that God could not perform the war. But if he did not reveal anything at all, it's impossible for people to distinguish the work of God from that of Satan. Therefore, God had to prophesy a part of his plan for people to accept the prophesied one as his work when that day comes.

Four people were prophesied in the Bible. The first two were John the Baptist and Jesus Christ (Mal.4:5, Ps.2:7). The others are the two Olive Trees (Zech.4:14, Rev.11:4). The former two appeared two thousand years after Abraham, and the latter two came out two thousand years after Jesus.

Zechariah, the prophet, and John, the apostle, prophesied the two Olive Trees in the Old and New Testaments respectively. Zechariah introduced the two Olive Trees as those anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth (Zech.4:14). John also recorded that Jesus will give the power to his two witnesses and they will prophesy 1,260 days that will mark the beginning of the spiritual war (Rev.11:3-4).

When Jesus came to this world, priests, teachers of the law, Pharisees, and Sadducees in Israel could not recognize him as the Son of God. Did they lack knowledge about the Bible? No. It's also applied to us now. I genuinely hope that you carefully listen to the words of Lee Youngsoo, the Overcomer, so that you can realize the truth of God.

This book was compiled from about 3,500 of Lee Young-soo's sermons since 1973. I tried to adjust his preaches to a literary style. But some parts are still rendered in a conversational style

to maximize his message. I also tried to avoid repetition, but I kept some overlapped portions to enable a smooth flow of the text. Because you may not be able to listen to his sermons every Sunday, I added and deleted some parts where necessary. I tried to minimize mistakes in the text, but I take full responsibility for any errors found in this text.

I am grateful to my colleagues for their efforts in the typing, correcting, and reviewing this book. I genuinely wish you be with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and blessing of God.

May 2008, Yoon Sanghak, Ph.D.



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Part 01.

The kingdom of heaven and hell



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Chapter 01.

There is no kingdom of heaven yet

From the sermon on October 9, 2005



I have been talking about an issue that may be highly confusing for Christians. There are words like the kingdom of heaven and hell in the Bible, but I have told you that the kingdom of heaven and hell have not been created yet. This issue is very controversial among Christians because in Christianity it is believed that the souls of all dead people go to heaven or hell.

Christians pray, worship and then feel comfort at funerals by saying like, “This person is now with Jesus in heaven.” But when I say, “No one has gone to heaven,” people would ask that what is going on the Christians who have trusted in Jesus as well as

the people who believed in God in the Old Testament days.

You and all the people who believe in God may ask, “How do you know this? How can you truly believe that?” **I would not dare to say that if I were not confident. Paul said,** “I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ” (Gal. 1:12) and “But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!” (Gal. 1:8). **He preached that with confidence. Paul spoke to thousands of people at that time, but now there are billions of Christians. My words are for everyone, including both the Christians as well as all of the people who had died for believing in God.**

Jesus’ beloved disciples did not believe all his words. They claimed Jesus is the Saviour, Messiah. But because they did not understand this with all their heart, they did not wait for him at Galilee after his death as he instructed them to do (Matt. 26:32, 28:7, 10). That is our faith. It is hard to believe in Jesus and his words, even though he performed miracles.

One day, Jesus went up a high mountain with Peter, John, and James (Matt 17:1). These three disciples saw the same vision:

Before the eyes of the three disciples, there appeared Moses and Elijah, standing with Jesus and talking with him. Then a light coming down from the sky to Jesus and a voice said that “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” (Matt 17:5) When the three apostles awoke, they saw no one except Jesus .

After this experience, the disciples finally believed Jesus to be the Son of God and then asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?” (Matt 17:10) Israelites knew that Elijah would come before the Messiah (Mal. 4:5). Jesus replied, “Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished” (Matt 17:12), meaning that people did not recognize him and then killed him. Then the disciples understood that John the Baptist was Elijah (Matt 17:13).

On another occasion, Peter said to Jesus, “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?” (Matt 19:27). Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel” (Matt 19:28). Jesus promised his disciples to

give them the twelve thrones from which to rule over the twelve tribes of Israel, but that would happen after Jesus received his throne.

Jesus was crucified on the cross and went to God's world. The Most Holy Place in it is a place where the spirits of prophets and martyrs get together. The Most Holy Place in Moses' tent on Earth was a symbol for the place where the people like the twelve disciples, who receive spiritual authority to judge, get together (Rev. 6:9, 20:4).

What was the Most Holy Place in the Old Testament days? It was the place where the high priest annually prayed for God to atone for the whole community of Israel (Lev. 16:17). No one was allowed to enter into the Most Holy Place except the high priest. Like that, the Most Holy Place in heaven is only for the souls who will receive their thrones as king and judge. The martyrs will be the high priests in God's world (Rev. 20:4-6).

After Jesus received the scroll in God's hand, he came to the Most Holy Place and was asked by the souls who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" (Rev.

6:10). Jesus did not reply as: “OK, let’s do it now.” Rather, he said to them to wait. “They were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed” (Rev. 6:11).

Now, Jesus is in heaven after he took the cross, but the souls martyred who have met Jesus in heaven are not able to avenge their blood yet. They are not able to punish those who killed, tormented, scorned and mocked them. They were told, “Wait until the number is completed.” So this tells us that the whole system of heaven is not organized yet and is still waiting to be completed. If even the martyrs are still waiting for their throne and the preparation of the kingdom of heaven, how can ordinary people go to the kingdom of heaven?

It is hard to imagine and understand those things. You may think, “So much time has passed since then, is it still true?” We may feel that one thousand years is long, but it is nothing in heaven. One thousand years is a short time in the spiritual world.

I was wondering what the kings will do for one thousand years when I preached Revelation in 1974. Then God immediately replied to me in a vision, saying, “One thousand

years is a long time on earth, but it is an instant in heaven.” My view of life was changed after I heard it. I did not ask God for the answer, but just had a question in my mind when I read Revelation. Then God told it.

When I say there is not the kingdom of heaven and hell yet, people may ask, “We have believed that those who believe in God will go to heaven, and those who commit sins will go to hell, but how can you say that the kingdom of heaven and hell do not exist yet?” Now, let me explain the reason.

Michelangelo’s painting in the Vatican of the Roman Catholic Church describes hell as the place where the Devil governs and throws the sinners into the lake of fire with a long trident. I saw the painting when I visited Italy. I also thought hell might look like that before God showed me the spiritual world. But hell is not a place like that. Hell will be created by God to punish the Devil, not the place the Devil rules (Rev. 20:10).

One of the new words in Revelation is “If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire” (Rev. 20:15). There are descriptions of those who will get salvation, such as, “I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was

opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded on the books” (Rev. 20:12). **These are going to be done in the future. It is the truth. And the Bible shows how those things can be real.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “After I receive my throne, I will give you the thrones from which you will judge the twelve tribes.” It indicates the specific requirements need first. In other words, God will let the believers live in the kingdom of heaven after the final judgment in the future, so how can the believers enter it now?

In the past when I was taught God’s will through visions, the Bible has blanks, hidden part of God’s providence. And when I saw one of them, it changed to a screen, showing the scene. When you watch a drama on TV, you would not forget dramatic scenes. It’s the same. I saw the scenes which Jesus showed me so that I can talk about the views as if I were speaking about a movie I had seen. People may not understand how I can preach sermons without any preparation. The Holy Spirit is with me and reminding me of the scenes God has shown me so that I can teach without preparing.

I say what I saw. God showed me many things in visions, and

Jesus explained me spiritual things. Therefore I can tell those to you.

Jesus said, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life” (John 6:53). But it does not mean we gain eternal life as soon as we die. “I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:54). It is the core of Christianity. Dear people, look deeply at what Jesus said: ‘the last day.’

Jesus spoke about the last day many times, so disciples asked him when the last day is. Then Jesus answered, “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Matt 24:36).

Then, how do we know about the last day, if even Jesus did not know about it? But people always say the last day is coming, from two thousand years ago to now.

So is there a kingdom of heaven? I said there is not a kingdom of heaven yet as God told. Is there a hell? I said there is not a hell, however. Then, what is in God’s world now? There is currently only one place created for the servants of God and martyrs (Rev 6:9). That place is ‘the Most Holy Place.’ Something more needs to be made first before they receive their thrones.

When God taught me this, he commanded an angel, “Show

him the holy city to be created in the future.” Then I saw the holy castle. Jesus also showed me the heavenly banquet hall to be created in the future. I reveal this for the first time in the history of Christianity.

Chapter 02.

There is also no hell yet

From the Sermon on September 11, 2005



Many people have talked about the kingdom of heaven and hell over two thousand years of Christianity. Priests are preaching those good people will go to the kingdom of heaven and sinners will go to hell. They say hell is a place where Satan rules. So far, many people have understood it this way. Even our ancestors, those who have passed away with faith in God, also believed that.

But this is merely a misguided discussion among Christians who do not know about the spiritual world. Because of God's teaching, I understood God's providence for the kingdom of heaven and hell, and that hell is not the place as many people

think it to be.

Revelation describes hell with these words, “The lake of fire is the second death” (Rev. 20:14). Rev. 21:8 says, “But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars - their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. It is the second death.” God showed these to John, the apostle.

In the spiritual world, the spirits who worked against the words of God will go into the “second death.” The “first death” means Adam was expelled and belonged to the devil, so people as his descendants have to go to Hades, the world of the devil, after death, and the second death will be the punishment of spirits.

Nowadays, because we met God’s work to fulfill his will, hidden secrets in God’s plan are revealed, and we are working for it. It is hard to believe in the spiritual world because it is invisible. Today, I would like to tell you about hell.

The Bible does not describe hell in great detail; it is called ‘the lake of fire’ in Revelation. Our first question is what the hell will be.

Dear people, why do we need prison? Life in prison is not

designed to be comfortable. A prison is a place where people, who harmed others, are isolated from others so that our society is secured and people can live in peace. In this world, most nations build jails to house criminals. Prisons are for punishing and reforming these criminals.

What is hell? Is hell a place where guilty people regret and repent their sins, thereby allowing them to turn into good people, as happens in prison in this world? The answer is “No.” Hell is the place to receive the penalty for the sin. There is no forgiveness, even if you regret and repent. There is no fixed time for the punishment; the punishment is never-ending. “They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever” (Rev 20:10).

In the Bible, hell is the “second death,” or the “lake of fire” where people will be tormented forever according to their sin. Therefore, before people go to hell, they should be fairly and accurately judged. One might receive forgiveness before entering hell, but there is no hope after coming to the lake of fire. Now I would like to tell you where the hell will be in God’s world and how God will create it.

I announce the right concept about hell for the first time in the history of Christianity. When I visited Rome in Italy, a guide

showed me the memorial hall of Dante. I also saw the church he used to go to, a painting of his beloved woman and his bust. Dante believed in Jesus and wrote the novel ‘The Divine Comedy’ from his imagination of hell described in Revelation and the Purgatory. The story sounds fascinating to people who do not know about the world of the spirit after death. I also read the novel. The description of hell in his book is not accurate, but quite funny in my opinion. But when people read his book, they may think it to be true. The book was very well written so that the readers may get a feel for like what the hell looks.

Why should hell be created? God will create hell because of his enemy. He will make it in his kingdom. He showed it to me 33 years ago.

Before God showed me hell which exists yet, I also believed that hell is under the ground. Because there are words like “Hades” in the Bible, I thought hell might be under the ground, and that spirits suffer in the dark. But that’s not true.

God’s world is enormous. The world is beyond what we can imagine. Our world is in a solar system where the light comes from the sun. But the world of God does not need light from outside, because God is the light of glory. The kingdom of God is

the world of God's splendor, and hell is without the brightness. There is only darkness in hell.

Hell is in the kingdom of God, not in the world of the devil nor under the ground as we have imagined. When God creates a new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21:1), God will also create hell to punish the people who were leaders in evil and their followers, according to their behaviors. Hell will be a place of pain.

Has hell already been created? No. It is not yet. Why? The sin of each person should first be accurately judged so that God will make hell according to the number of sinners and the amount of their sin. Hell will not be made before this judgment.

Chapter 03.

The Plan of God

From the Sermon on January 22, 2006



During our lifetime, as Christians, we praise only God because we know just God's work. That's our limitation. Why? God always emphasized to his servants that he, the Lord, is the best god.

Therefore Christians have never recognized that our God has fought against other gods. In fact, from the beginning of Genesis, our God has worked on his providence with humanity, while he has also faced off against other gods. But it has not been pointed out to us so far. First of all, the target in Christianity is letting humanity know about God. You cannot discuss other gods to people who do not even know about our

God.

Can parents tell their young children in kindergarten, “You must support our family as a man?” No, they cannot. First, the children must be educated, taught about this world, and raised to adulthood. Then the parents only can talk to them about their duty to their family.

If we recruit young people who have never had military training and give them weapons and send them to war, are they able to fight against an enemy? No, this would be useless. They should be trained first to be great warriors so that they can infiltrate enemy’s camps and achieve their mission.

God plans to liberate people from the devil’s rule (Luke 4:5-7). That has been true since the beginning of time. The Bible starts with the Garden of Eden, from where Adam and Eve, who were created by God, were expelled out because the forces of the devil took them. God had no choice but to kick them out of the Garden of Eden, but he wants to bring them back to him. That’s the essence of the history of God’s work (Acts 3:21).

The apostle, Paul said, “So it is written: ‘The first man Adam became a living being’; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven”

(1 Cor. 15:45, 47). He emphasized that the first Adam failed, but the second Adam succeeded. Here the second Adam indicates Jesus. The recovery is the core of God's work. He will recover lost humanity.

There are specific requirements to be met for God to be able to restore what he lost. To bring back it there is more work to be done. That's the beginning of God's work. When God worked with his prophets and sent his Son to this world, he had only one plan. It was to recover what he lost.

If there is no one except me, I don't need to worry about my possessions taken. But when there is someone who wants to take away something from me, my belongings can be taken away. If there had not been any other force in the Garden of Eden, there was no reason Adam taken away.

Peter, the apostle, preached about Jesus, "He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets" (Acts 3:21). When God sent his Son to this earth and let him crucified on the Cross, his purpose for that was to recover something from the Devil (1 John 3:8). When he worked with Abraham, when he worked with Moses, and when he worked with all his other

servants, his goal was the same.

We know from God's work that he wants to combat his enemy, the Devil. The Bible shows us God's plan to meet all the requirements to recover the lost Eden. So, we can know that God wants to build a world where he rules over us, just as when he ruled over Adam and Eve. We should remember that God does not rule over us now. He has been working with his servants, including myself, toward this goal, but he has not obtained yet.

If God has already accomplished what he wanted to do, does he need more prophets? No, he does not need them anymore. If God accomplished what he wanted through his prophets before Jesus came to this world, he would not let Jesus crucified on the Cross. If God achieved everything due to Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross, is there any more work necessary to be done? No, it is not needed. But now we are working for God according to his order.

After Jesus took the cross and ascended to heaven, he announced to John, his beloved apostle, that "I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two Olive Trees and the

two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth” (Rev. 11:3-4). When he said, ‘I will work with my two witnesses’ to accomplish what he needs, do you think what God wanted to do has been achieved? No, there is something left.

Jesus said that “the kingdom of heaven is near” (Matt. 4:17). Something need before the kingdom of heaven created, AND God rules it. God tells us about the world he will make in the Bible. He does not say, “I made the world prepared so you can come.” Rather, as Isaiah prophesied, “Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind” (Is. 65:17). John the apostle also acknowledged us, “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea” (Rev. 21:1). The Bible recorded what would be required to make a new heaven and a new earth.

If God makes the new world, who will live there? They are the people who believed in God sincerely. He will create a world in which there are no more tears or pain (Rev. 21:4). The Bible says specific procedures are necessary to make the world.

So, can you go to the kingdom of heaven just because you believe in Jesus? No, you cannot. How can you go to a place which does not exist yet? When Jesus said he was going to heaven, one of his disciples said, “I’ll go with you. Please let me go with you.” **But he said**, “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you also may be where I am” (John 14:3). He meant that they could not go at that time, because there was not a place for them in God’s world.

Chapter 04.

The Key of Hades

From the Sermon on July 9, 2000



Christianity is a religion that deals actively with spiritual issues. Of course, our living world is essential, but it is more important to know about the spiritual world after death because it is eternal.

No one knows about the full extent of the spiritual world before their death. As a servant of God, I have had experiences of this spiritual world several times. I have seen what will happen to us after we die, in visions from God. I have also witnessed the scene of someone's journey after his death. I saw the man, who was very well known in Korea during his lifetime, receiving judgment from God.

I told you that two guides approach people when they die. Some people consider that these guides take souls to the underworld. But this is not accurate. They come from Satan's world, Hades, which is beyond the universe, not from this so-called underworld. Why do Satan's messengers come? That's because spirits belong to Satan. Jesus said to Israelites: "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire" (John 8:44).

One evil spirit showed Jesus in an instant all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to" (Luke 4:6). The evil received them from Satan. Therefore, we can know that Satan rules us and takes us to his world after death. God accepts only the spirits that belong to him. They are only prophets and martyrs.

If someone dies, their spirits leave their body. They know that their physical form is the one that ceased to exist. They understand that while their 70-year-old body may lay lifeless, they continue to live spiritually.

When a larva becomes a cicada after a long time under the ground, it changes to the entirely different form. Our spirits are

the same. At the moment we become spirit, we escape entirely from the body and switch to a different shape.

The spirits of the dead should go to Hades. Even God's servants, the prophets, had been dragged into Hades in the time of the Old Testament because the circumstances in which God can take them to his world were not yet achieved. God does not bring the spirits who have sin into his world. Before Jesus' crucifixion, God could not cleanse people's sins. That is the reason that God sent his only Son, Jesus, to this world.

For Jesus to take the souls of God's servants from Hades, he needed the power to go to Hades which Satan rules. Therefore Jesus said to John, the apostle, "I hold the keys of death and Hades" (Rev. 1:18). After Jesus completed his mission, he obtained the ability to go to Hades and take out the souls martyred for God. Matthew saw in his vision that the tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died raised to life (Matt. 27:51-53). That was a symbolic thing that Jesus took out the souls from Hades. He did not take out everyone from Hades, only the souls of God's servants and those beheaded in martyrdom. They will be God's army. They are now in God's world. (Rev. 5:9, 6:9).

God wants conditions profitable for him, and it is the same for the Devil. Both of them are amassing their armies for spiritual war. The Devil always opposes the plans of God. God's first official announcement against the Devil came out in the time of Moses. "You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:3). It was the first commandment of God.

If you die under God's grace and not under the Devil's rule, the Devil knows that your soul does not belong to him. Therefore, the Devil's messengers will not come to take your soul when you die. Instead, two angels will come to guide you directly into God's world. Jesus said it to Peter as "the gates of Hades will not overcome it" (Matt. 16:18). In contrast, if you are under the Devil's power, God's angels will not come even if you believe in God and call him. So automatically, the messengers of darkness will come and take you to the dark world, Hades.

Chapter 05.

Why be martyred?

From the sermon on October 16, 2005



Christians who believe that they will go to the kingdom of heaven after they die might misunderstand my words entirely when I preach that no one has gone to the kingdom of heaven. After all, if I am not with Holy Spirit, how dare I make such claims?

Why can't we, believers, go to the kingdom of heaven? If not, where are the souls who have died so far? The time to save people who are qualified for salvation and to reward people who are deserving of punishment will come. But the time has not arrived yet until the last day comes.

Our Christ said to his beloved disciples and believers, "And

this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day” (John 6:39).

If the requirements for the last day are not accomplished, the covenant of Christ and the blessed words of God in the Bible will not be fulfilled.

There is a passage about this in Hebrews. “But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool,” (Heb. 10:12-13) **quoting David’s prophecy.** **As David wrote God’s words for Jesus** “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet” (Ps. 110:1), **the Christ became a priest in the order of Melchizedek** (Ps. 110:4).

Now I’d like to explain why we cannot go to the kingdom of heaven now even though we believe in Jesus. Our Christ said to **Peter**, “I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it” (Matt. 16:18). **And** “I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go” (John 21:18). **Peter did not understand these words. But later, Peter went the way he did**

not want to go. That is because of Jesus.

Peter was in Rome to encourage people who believed in Jesus, but he left Rome when the Romans ordered his arrest. On his way of escape, Christ appeared to him. Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, Where are you going?” Jesus replied, “I am going to Rome.” “Why?” Peter asked. “You are afraid to die, therefore trying to escape from Rome. I’d like to be killed instead of you.”

Then Peter regretted his decision and went back to Rome to die. He was arrested as soon as he arrived and was about to be put to death. Then Peter said to the executioners who would crucify him on the cross, “My Christ was nailed to the cross in an up-right position, but I do not deserve to die the same way he did. Please hang me upside down on the cross.” So he died on the cross upside down. The Vatican temple was built on the place where Peter died.

Now from here, when Jesus said to Peter “You will go the way you do not want for the gates of Hades not to overcome you,” what was the way? The way was to be martyred. Peter needed to be killed to avoid the power of Hades. In other words, Peter should be martyred so that Hades could not take him. Jesus led Peter to death even though Peter did not want it. It’s not

because Jesus hated him. Jesus' purpose was to raise him to the Most Holy Place in heaven.

Our Lord Jesus is the Son of God, but he prayed to God with fear of death before the crucifixion, "Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me" (Mark 14:36). In that time, God did let his Son die not because he did not have the power to avoid his Son's death, but because that's the way his Son should go and because that would benefit his Son. So God sent an angel to encourage his Son when he weakened (Luke 22:43). With the angel's help, he accepted his death, saying "Yet not as I will, but as yours be done." Even the Son of God was led along a path he did not prefer. It's not because God hated his Son, but because the conditions God required could not be achieved if his Son had not been killed.

When Stephen witnessed Jesus, he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:56). What did Jesus do? He helped Stephen die. As Stephen was stoned and his head and nose were being broken, he said, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

Saints were not able to go to the Most Holy Place in heaven without martyrdom (Rev. 6:9). If they did not go to the Most Holy

Place, they had to go to Hades. Christians who do not know about the spiritual world cannot understand it.

David was a prophet and a king of Israel. God loved him, and he received the prophecy that one of his descendants would come to the Earth as Messiah. At that time, he knew that only the descendant who was supposed to be the priest of Melchizedek could save God's servants from Hades. So let's take a look at his prayer.

He wrote, "you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay" (Ps. 16:10). Because he understood from his vision that nobody could avoid Hades without his descendant, he prayed for his salvation.

Many prophets were killed miserably. When Jesus gave me my duty, and I started God's work, Jesus said, "See!" I saw a dead body thirty meters in front of me, but it was headless. "It is the dead body of Paul. Look, Paul gave his whole life to me, and he was finally beheaded." I understood Jesus wanted me to work eagerly for him like Paul.

Fortunately, nowadays is not the time to be killed to go to the Most Holy Place in God's world, so I am still alive. If I had lived in the time of Paul, I would also have been martyred.

Jesus prepared a place in heaven where he could gather only the martyrs. That's the Most Holy Place. It is not the kingdom of heaven. They will be judges and kings in the kingdoms of heaven (Rev. 20:4). The kingdom of heaven will be the place where the people will live after the final judgment by the Judges.

The prophets lived difficult lives and were finally killed with saw, fire or stones. They were killed, but that is not because God hated them, but because God wanted to bring them to the Most Holy Place. So God gave way to his beloved prophets. He gave them power and encouragement to endure these events. Why did God have to do that? Why did the prophets have to be tortured? I'd like to explain the reason by analogy.

In a war, let's assume the enemy built a fortress and occupied the position. If we cannot win the war without destroying the fort, we need a particular army to do it. The command must destroy it to save their country. The recruited soldiers may never think to survive after their mission. They are willing to dedicate their lives for their country.

So why should the warriors undertake such a mission? That's because it will give their people peace. They must win the

war to protect their families and their people and therefore are willing to die to destroy the enemy. If ten commandos need to destroy the fortress so that their people and the other soldiers could live in peace, the ten commandos would be tremendously valuable.

In the Bible, God decided on a fixed number to achieve his purpose: 144,000. “Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads” (Rev. 14:1). God will give these people the task of achieving his purpose even though they need to sacrifice their lives. True peace will only come after they accomplish this mission in the spiritual war between God and Satan. After the spirit war, the true believers will be distinguished from the sinners in the last judgment. Then, a new heaven and a new earth will be made. At that time, the true believers will obtain the peace of heaven, but unfortunately, the sinners will be thrown into the lake of fire.

Chapter 06.

When will you be saved?

From the sermon on January 20, 2002



The most critical issue in Christianity is eternal life. But Christians cannot explain the principle of eternal life because they do not know about the last day. Eternal life can be obtained after the time of last days, but we have no idea exactly how the end would be. So, I will explain the requirements for eternal life. There are many things hidden and veiled in the Bible; even when I try to tell with the Bible, it is tough for people to understand. Therefore I am very carefully discussing it step by step.

When Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman, he talked the living water, “Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.

Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14). **He also preached about the living water to people on the last day of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles.** “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him” (John 7:38). **When he spoke about the living water, he also emphasized eternal life.**

In John 6:39: “This is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.” **Jesus said eternal life would be given on the last day to those who believed in Jesus or those who trusted in God in the days of the Old Testament.**

In John 6:55-58 Jesus said, “For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.” **He said this to explain the essential requirements for eternal life.**

The Bible is a guide for Christians. We can have faith if

we understand the principles of the Bible. Belief should be based on factual evidence. But if we do not believe it, religion is useless, no matter how good the principle is. So, Paul, the apostle said, “How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?” (Rom. 10:14-15).

Jesus is the key to achieve eternal life. If you believe in Jesus but do not understand the principles of eternal life, your belief in Jesus would be useless. We believe in Jesus to obtain eternal life. People kept their faith in Jesus even when they were about to be beheaded or burned to death because they had only one goal in their life. Paul said, “If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men” (1 Cor. 15:19). In other words, if there were not any reward in the spiritual world, there would not be anyone more pitiful people than those martyred for Jesus.

When Jesus spoke spiritual words, his disciples were grumbling to each other because they could not understand and believe his words. So Jesus said to his disciples because he

was aware of his disciples' whispering, "Does this offend you?" (John 6:61).

People who believed in God in the Old Testament days also wanted eternal life. So David said, "Because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay" (Ps. 16:10). He also wanted to obtain eternal life.

So did Daniel. When an angel came to Daniel and showed him what was to happen in the future, Daniel asked what the meaning of it was. Then the angel replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end" (Dan. 12:9) and "As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance" (Dan. 12:13).

In that period, people had little idea about what eternal life might look like, but there are some words about the requirements for eternal life in the Old Testament as well. So Jesus also said to his disciples, "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me" (John 5:39).

When Jesus spoke about the requirements for eternal life while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum, he deliberately

said something they wouldn't understand. He told the necessities for eternal life are "You should eat my flesh and drink my blood."

Later, when his disciples became frustrated, Jesus said to them. "The Spirit gives life, the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63). His words were supplemented by Paul later: "So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable" (1 Cor. 15:42).

Because Jesus emphasized he would raise them on the last day several times, they had another question about it. So they asked Jesus about the last day. Jesus answered, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Matt. 24:36).

Jesus said eternal life would be given on the last day. So even if people ate his flesh and drank his blood, it does not guarantee them eternal life now. That's not to be given until the last day has come.

Nobody knows about that in Christianity so far. So people who believe in Jesus, no matter who they are, great pastors and beggars alike, they pray to God when they are about to die, "We

shall meet on that beautiful shore.” They believe they will have an eternal life soon after their death.

Why do they believe like that? That’s because Jesus said, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). They trust that Christians who believe in Jesus are guaranteed to have an eternal life soon after death. Wherever you go, all Christians think this to be true.

So if I try to reveal that it’s not true, it’s not easy to say that. It’s tremendously difficult. Who would want to believe my words? That’s why I explain it with the Bible. How can I deal with the opponents without Jesus’ words? People may mock me, but they would not laugh at Jesus’ words.

Is there then no requirement for eternal life? Yes, there is; but we do not know when eternal life will come. Then will Christians forever remain ignorant of what needs to happen before we receive eternal life? No. Jesus shared with us the requirements for eternal life after he returned to heaven. But since he is in heaven, he needs someone to explain it us on his behalf. This person is “The Overcomer” prophesied in the book of Revelation (Rev. 2:17, 21:6-7, etc.).

The Overcomer is the representative in Jesus' work and has the responsibility of preaching about the last day. So Jesus would enlighten the Overcomer on the knowledge to the hidden contents written on the white stone. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it" (Rev. 2:17). The hidden manna is Jesus' flesh and blood, and the stone is Jesus himself. The new name on it refers to Jesus' new plan to achieve God's work. That is given to the Overcomer only. Therefore, it will be the Overcomer's task to explain it to people. He will tell the requirements for eternal life.

Then what is the last day recorded in the Bible? When is the last day? The last day is when Satan, the enemy of God, is destroyed. The last day does not mean the end of this world. In the war of the gods, the last day is the day that Satan is beaten and surrenders to God.

Who can believe me if I say the last day is when God beats Satan? Therefore, I explain what requirements should be accomplished to defeat Satan. That is the completion of the

armies of Heaven. How do I know this? Because I am the Overcomer, who should do the job, I heard about it. I am the person who must accomplish the requirements. None of God's earlier servants worked against Satan. Their duties were to make people believe in God and Jesus. But my task is not the same.

God said to me, "I told you about my providence, and therefore you have to prepare souls who can come to my kingdom, even if it is only one soul." I have spoken about it for 28 years. Because I am the person who should make the requirements, God let me know about the contents of them.

I could not tell it all to you in just one day. I make the requirements for God's victory. But I am not working on everything by myself. My task is to complete the rest of the army of 144,000. God began this quest in secret, and Jesus continued it, and now I have to complete it.

Why should only the Overcomer be informed about it? That's because it's the most important secret for the war against the enemy. Even in battles between human beings, there are top-secret, confidential documents. How can God let anyone know about the secrets of the war between gods? But no matter how

sensitive it is, the person who will execute the plan must know about it. Therefore God let only the Overcomer know about his secret.

So is the duty of the Overcomer to be a missionary? No, the Overcomer should work on accomplishing the requirements to destroy Satan. Therefore God told me, “I let you know my providence.” What is his providence? It is his work against Satan. For the same purpose, God told Abraham to work on the duty performed in Canaan, and God let Moses work on the task to bring the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan. Today, God told me to work on the duty to accomplish the necessary conditions for God to destroy Satan.

Chapter 07.

The judge should be produced first for the judgment

From the sermon on February 17, 2008



I have told you about the kingdom of heaven and hell for a long time. When we did not know about God's providence, we believed that people who died with faith in Jesus would immediately go to the kingdom of heaven and the nonbelievers would go to hell.

Going to heaven is the ultimate goal for Christians. Hell is a scary place, even to people who do not believe in God. When I say that no souls have gone to the kingdom of heaven or hell, Christians may be suspicious and doubtful about my words. So I would like to explain it to you carefully.

After a human being is born, he must die. We cannot avoid

it. But Paul emphasized the world after death, saying that the judgment must come after death. “This will take place on the day when God will judge men’s secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares” (Rom. 2:16).

What is the judgment? Simply stated, the judgment is justice. In our world, judges decide the penalty for criminals in a court of justice. It is the same in heaven. Souls should receive judgment to determine whether it is guilty or not and what the penalty should be if they are guilty. After the judgment, the souls are declared to be guilty or not, and their punishment is decided. If they are convicted, they must go to jail. Like that, the kingdom of heaven and hell will be made after the judgment.

In Revelation, Jesus taught John, the apostle. John said, “I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge” (Rev. 20:4). The dead must be judged. But the judgment has not been performed yet. Why not?

Dear people, can we have a trial without a judge? Even if there is a court, a trial cannot open without a judge. For example, a defendant is supposed to be tried in a court, so an audience visits the court to see the trial. What if there are a defendant and an audience in the court but the judge cannot

attend because he is sick or something happens to him. Justice could not be performed.

In heaven, there are thrones, the occupants of which will be given authority to judge. The judges will be required to decide the guilt of many souls. The judgment will begin after these judges have been chosen. That will be the final judgment. The number of judges has been decided in heaven. It's 144,000. "Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads" (Rev. 14:1). **The souls of the dead must be judged, and there are tens of billions of them, but they cannot be sentenced until judges are appointed.**

The spiritual world is different from what we think. There is no time concept like 10,000, or 5,000 years ago. We only count on history in this world. God in the present is the same as in the past. He always has been the same, before or after he created Adam and Eve. The spiritual world does not have the same time concept as this world. It's the same as the man frozen for 3,000 years and the guy from yesterday, who can't feel how long it took them to wake up.

Paul said, "Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep,

but we will all be changed in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet” (1 Cor. 15:51-52). All of the souls since humanity was created will awake instantly. That’s how we will feel in the spiritual world.

When God explained my responsibilities to me, he said, “What I had instructed to Zechariah, my young servant 2,500 years ago, will come true in your time.” God mentioned “2,500 years” to let me understand how long ago his prophecy was made, but it does not feel long to him. That’s the world of God.

Man’s judgment after death becomes suspended. Whether he goes to the kingdom of heaven or hell will be decided after the final judgment. So that’s why Jesus said, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him at the last day.”

Why did Jesus say the last day? We think that the last day is the end of the world. But that’s not true. Is the end of the world meaningful to God? God can create a world again anytime. The Earth and all temporary physical life forms are very insignificant to God.

Human history begins when God creates us, and human history comes to its end when God destroys us. But the last

day does not apply to humans. The last day Jesus mentioned is related to what God has planned to do. The last day is when God's plan is accomplished. So if we know about God's plan, we can understand the last day. God intends to destroy the devil's power and his world. Therefore the last day is the time of the devil's destruction.

As you know, the biggest hope in Christianity is going to the kingdom of heaven. But people do not know what it is. The spiritual world cannot be comparable to the physical one. God showed me a lot of it so that I know more about it than others. Because I have to work as the Overcomer, God shows me secrets as he promised in the book of Revelation (Rev. 2:17).

Part 02.

The Providence of God



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Chapter 08.

Satan, the enemy of God

From the sermon on February 24, 2008



The spiritual world is very different from our living life, so it's difficult to understand it if we do not know the principles of the spirit. But we will meet the spiritual world, and we cannot avoid it. Because we live in the era of Jesus' two witnesses for God's providence in these days (Rev. 11:3-4), the hidden scenes in God's providence are revealed so that we get to know what God planned at the beginning of the world.

I told you that God did not let humanity live near him. He put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden after he created them. Even though God appeared in the Garden of Eden, he did not live with Adam and Eve.

Even now people believe they will go to the kingdom of God after their death. But that's not true. The kingdom of God is not the place everybody can go. The promise in Revelation is **this**: "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God" (Rev. 21:3). That means that it would not have happened yet. If that had already happened, that's not a great promise. But since it's not happened yet, it's a tremendous blessing for humanity to live with God. It's such a blessing.

Today, we are happy to believe in God because God ordered me to build the Algok Sungjeon and said himself, "Sheep following you will enter into my kingdom through this temple." Even though our work looks small to other people, God communicates with us and gives us his words because our work is for the providence of God. Communication with God cannot happen just anywhere and anytime.

In Rev. 20:1-2, "And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years." **The ancient serpent is mentioned here. The serpent, called a snake, crawls on its**

belly. But the serpent in the Bible was not crawling at first. God cursed it because it lured Adam and Eve to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge (Gen. 3:14).

The Bible described the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. The snake urged Adam and Eve to eat the fruit which God commanded them not to eat, saying, "Pick it up and eat it. It will be fine." They ate it. Then God appeared. He said to Adam, "Who made you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" Adam said, "The woman you put here with me - she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly, and you will eat dust all the days of your life." Because the serpent was cursed, it was forced to crawl now, but it was a beautiful animal before the curse. The ancient serpent means the snake before cursed.

The woman was the second criminal. To the woman, he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with the

pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” **To Adam, he said,** “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you not to eat from, cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil, you will eat of it all the days of your life.”

That is how God cursed the three of them.

The ancient serpent appears in the Bible, who is Satan, and the dragon. Nobody knows what the dragon is, because no one has seen it. So people imagine a python becomes a dragon, having horns. People believed and pictured it from the stories in the Bible, and those became myths until now.

Now, let’s see in detail. The Bible said, “He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time” **(Rev. 20:2-3).** **We do not know what’s the meaning even we read it one hundred times. Why not? Do you know what is the dragon, the ancient serpent or the Abyss? These are very difficult to understand. So nobody in Christianity has known these so far.**

Then, why were the letters sent to seven churches if the contents should be kept secret from us forever? The day we know the meaning of them is supposed to come. When is it? The time the materials will be open is when the words ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches’ come true as shown in the letters to seven churches (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26, and 3:6, 14, 22). The words ‘to him who overcomes’ were always appeared when the words for every seven churches. Whoever the Overcomer is, if Jesus emphasized him seven times, we could guess that he is a significant person.

You should know this: God commanded Adam and Eve not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But someone said that’s fine to eat it. How could Adam and Eve follow the one if the one was weak compared to God? If the low-level creature were tempted to break God’s commandments, they could not follow.

Dear people, you may understand that with an example, if President says to me, “You absolutely must do this,” I may not follow President’s order if someone having authority similar to President say, “You do not have to do this.” But if an

employee from the local office come to say, “You do not have to do this,” may I listen to his saying? Nobody would follow his words.

Adam and Eve would not listen to its word if the one who said “You can eat.” were a minor creature. They even could not eat it because they would be fear of God. But the being said “You should be fine, even you eat it. When you eat of it, your eyes will be opened. Do not worry. I’m here.” It said something like that.

Now, let’s see. When God made Adam live in the Garden of Eden, he gave him a warning, “You can do anything on your own, but never do this.” But if the being who said “You can do this as well.” were not comparable to God, God would not worry about Adam. God was concerned from the beginning because there was someone to concern.

Christians should understand this to listen to my words. My words may look weird to the people who believe that God is almighty, no matter what I tell the truth.

Chapter 09.

Abraham, the symbol of God

From the sermon on September 19, 2002



Christianity has been based on the history of the formation of Israel, leading to the birth of our Lord Jesus in the Bible. Many requirements in the Bible for Jesus' arrival to this world are difficult to understand because of the deep spiritual contents. Legendary stories are the mainstream of Genesis. One of them is about Israel originated from Abraham. It was about 4,000 years ago.

We need to understand the spiritual aspects of the procedures in which God worked with Abraham to grow the tribes of Israel until the birth of Jesus. If we knew the contents of the process, we would understand why God had to let his only Son, Jesus,

crucified. When you know this, you might realize what our work would be for and what we need to accomplish.

The aim of our Lord Jesus' coming into this world was to be crucified on the cross, as he said (John 3:14). When Jesus came into this world, he was born as one of the People of Israel. God had taken care of the People of Israel to give birth to the Son of God, the Messiah.

God chose Abraham to prepare for the arrival of the Son of God, Jesus, as a human being into this world. So Abraham was called to make for the birth of Jesus, and Jesus was the last descendant of Abraham in God's plan. That's why Jesus said, "All the Prophets and the Law prophesied would be ended until John" (Matt. 11:13).

Because God wanted for his Son to be born as a descendant of Abraham, Abraham became the physical ancestor of Jesus. Abraham was chosen as the shadow, or symbol, of God. Therefore God said to Abraham that he would be a blessing (Gen. 12:2) and changed his name from Abram to Abraham, with a meaning of "a father of many nations" (Gen. 17:5).

God began to show the shadow of his son, Jesus, through Abraham. Who was the shadow? It was Isaac, the son of

Abraham who became the symbol of the Sacrifice of Jesus when God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Isaac as a burnt offering on one of the mountains in the region of Moriah (Gen. 22:2). The mountain God indicated to Abraham was the place in which Golgotha hill is, where Jesus was crucified on the cross.

God already had a plan for the future when he chose Abraham. His plan involved that Abraham would be the shadow of God, Isaac, the son of Abraham would be the shadow of the son of God, Jesus, and then Jacob, the son of Isaac, would foreshadow the role of the Overcomer.

When God called Abraham, he explained his significance in God's plan and promised him his blessing. When God chose Abraham, he had already formulated the idea to make his people. He told Abraham that he would build a great nation through him (Gen. 12:2).

In Abraham's vision, it blew off the dust. God asked: "What do you see?"

"I see the dust blowing in the wind."

"Can you count the dust?"

"How can I count so many particles of dust?"

"Your descendants will be as many as the dust" (Gen. 13:16).

In another vision, God showed him stars and asked: “Look at the sky, what do you see?”

“I see stars.”

“Can you count the stars?”

“Oh! No. How can I count all the stars?”

“Your people will become like the stars” (Gen. 15:5).

God explained his covenant in those two ways. God told Abraham that he would make a great nation from him. God established covenant through blood with Abraham. It's called circumcision. “This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised” (Gen. 17:10).

Dear people, did Abraham get circumcised because he would do? Who ordered it? It's God. God's order itself is the providence of God. His request could be painful so that we may complain or suffer pain. But God has reason to order it according to his plan, and he will reward us in the spiritual world if we follow his order and accomplish it.

There was the covenant between God and Abraham. God said, “My people must circumcise according to the covenant between you and me.” So if someone was not circumcised,

they could not be among God's people even if they wanted to be. But if someone was circumcised, they could have been a descendant of Abraham. I am telling you this to explain the procedure under which Jesus came to this world. Jesus and John the Baptist were also circumcised eight days after they were born (Luke 2:21).

Chapter 10.

The first and the new covenant

From the evening sermon on September 26, 2004, 31th
Anniversary Worship



The Bible says that the covenant between God and Abraham was the first covenant ([Heb. 9:15](#)). The reason was to set up Jesus as the hero of the new covenant. When Jesus came to this world, he was not able to play a role properly as the Messiah and went to heaven. The twelve disciples worked hard to establish Christianity, but it was the apostle, Paul's work that spread Christianity around the world.

Jesus also spoke of this in his preaching, saying, "For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John," ([Matt. 11:13](#)) to highlight his role in the Bible. That means the law of Moses was valid until the emergence of the Baptist John as the guide for

Messiah, which refers to the end of Abraham's work.

God started his work from Abraham. There was a god who had already been known well in the land of Canaan. It was Baal (Num. 22:41). But Jehovah God was not. The Korean people did not know Jehovah God before Christianity came to this country. It has been less than two hundred fifty years from the time the Catholics and Protestants first came to this country.

At the time God called Abraham, Baal ruled over the people in Canaan. Jehovah was nothing to the people serving Baal. God had thought, "How dare Baal to try to get humanity to serve him?" He could not condone it. God had a plan to get rid of Baal from Canaan. Nobody could recognize it. But that's the plan of God. God needed Abraham to work for his program.

We have to understand God's plan to know what God wants so that we know how God works with his servants. I am not only talking about the story in the Bible but about the providence of God, in which we are working.

Abraham did not know God's entire plan, because God did not let him know all about his plan to work with him. "You must move to the place I order." So his work began. He had to go to Canaan. He saw the land where his descendants would live.

That's why God sent him there.

God let his people do what humans cannot do. He said Abraham would have many descendants. Abraham had a son, Ishmael, from his wife's servant, Hagar. He thought himself, "Aha! Many children may come from Ishmael" ([Gen. 17:18](#)). He had to have considered that because his wife could not have children. But that was Abraham's thought.

God acknowledged his providence to him, "Abraham, you thought the descendants would come from your son, Ishmael, but that's not true. Your wife will have a baby.", "Dear God, my wife has not had a baby for a long time. How can she have a baby now?"

God does not work in a way that humanity thinks as possible according to our common sense. His work has always been beyond our common sense because in that way we can recognize it as God's work once it has the results God predicted. Abraham was shocked, "How could that happen?" But finally, the woman, who was not able to have a baby, had a baby, Isaac.

After Isaac was born, God gave Abraham another command he could not understand. God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. That was incomprehensible to him. But at that time, Abraham already knew that God's work would always

be out of common sense. Abraham followed God's command, thinking there would be something in his plan. Abraham tried to sacrifice his son. Then, at the last moment, God commanded Abraham to stop the sacrifice. "Hold your knife." God let Isaac live and blessed him as an ascendant of God's people. Isaac heard all of this from his father.

The covenant between God and Abraham was circumcision, the covenant of blood. Paul, the apostle, labeled it 'the first covenant.' He also said that the covenant by Jesus' blood was 'the new covenant' (1 Cor. 11:25, Gal. 4:24).

Now let's look at this further. God commanded Moses to call him with the three ascendants of Israel. "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers - the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob - has sent me to you'" (Ex. 3:15). From that time, whenever the people of Israel referred to God, they said, "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."

Jesus ordered us to pray to call God in another way. "Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, and your joy will be complete" (John 16:24). It was a shift of covenant. Therefore, Christians pray in the name of

Jesus instead of the name of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Do you know the meaning of circumcision? God requires each of us to be willing to give everything, including even our life. Circumcision is a symbolic act that represents the willingness to offer our life with bleeding.

Sometimes, when people give offerings to an idol, they offer the life of a person. There is a Korean novel about fishers who sacrificed a virgin girl to the gods of the ocean, dumping her body into the Yellow Sea, the west sea of Korea, to keep them safe on their journey. In the world, there have been many cases like this in history.

God did not want the sacrifice of human beings, but he ordered the slaughter of animals in the law of Moses. He instructed what animals should be prepared and how the animals should be treated for the sacrifice.

Whether the blood was from an animal's sacrifice or human circumcision, it was the shadow (i.e., symbolic one) that the Son of God would sacrifice on the cross. To announce that the blood from Jesus' sacrifice would be to save people from sin later, God continued to let the people of Israel undergo circumcision and present animal's blood on the altar for a sin offering.

Abraham followed the covenant as God instructed. Only several people circumcised including Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac at that time. They were the only children of God. God did not take care of anyone else.

Today, our work is the same. God said to me (in 1974), “I chose you among four billion people in the world. No one can come to my kingdom except through you, because my providence is with you.” No one can understand this at all without learning the providence of God step by step. I told you that God always did things we could not understand. Humanity cannot judge his work. That’s how God works.

The first covenant was between God and Abraham, so everything that happened in it was included in the first covenant. No matter how many prophets worked and how many kings were born, they were involved in the covenant of Abraham, as said in the Bible, “I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you” (Gen. 17:6).

Then, when the new covenant occurred, it was the signal of the end of the first covenant. The hero of the new covenant was Jesus, as the hero of the first covenant was Abraham. Moses was a famous prophet, but he was also in the first covenant, he

prayed in the name of the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. But after Jesus, prayers have not been in that way. We have called God in the name of Jesus. The hero has been changed.

So the Bible is composed of the first covenant and the new covenant. The new covenant is the reality to take place in God's plan, and the first covenant was the shadow of the second one (Heb. 8:5).

Chapter 11.

Isaac, the symbol of Jesus

From the sermon on June 29, 1975



When Abraham became one hundred years old, his wife Sarah had a son at an old age, as God promised. God loved her, so he took care of the old lady and her baby.

As God taught, Abraham named the baby “Isaac,” who was born with God’s blessing (Gen. 17:19). When Isaac was eight days old, Abraham performed his Son’s circumcision according to the covenant with God. Abraham had a big banquet for Isaac when he was no longer breastfed. Ishmael, who was born from Hagar, was already a man teenager. He mocked his half-brother, Isaac, seeing the banquet for the baby. When Sarah the mother of Isaac saw it, she requested Abraham that he should

get rid of Ishmael and his mother.

Abraham saw that Hagar and Ishmael felt sorrow and grief, he became anxious. God instructed Abraham when he noticed **his anxiety**. “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your maidservant. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned” (**Gen. 21:12**).

When God strongly commanded Abraham to separate the people of God from the Gentiles, Abraham did not want to do it, but he followed God’s command. Hagar and Ishmael were expelled to the desert and were dying of thirst. Hagar burst into tears because it was so desperate to live in the desert. At that time, seeing that another son of Abraham was having a hard time in the desert, God let angels take care of them. Ishmael reached adulthood and married an Egyptian woman. His descendants were spread into the land of Arabia and became Arab people who caused the oil shock in the 1970s.

God created an environment in which Isaac could live in peace with Abraham. After a dozen years passed, God appeared to Abraham in a vision.

“Abraham!”

“My Lord, I am here.”

“I gave you a son when you were one hundred years old.”

“Yes, I have a son.”

“Then take your son, Isaac, and sacrifice him as a burnt offering.”

In a burnt offering, an animal was split in half, allowed to bleed, and then to be burnt. So God’s command was to cut Isaac alive in half and burn him. It was the most horrifying ceremony for worship. God commanded Abraham the most difficult sacrifice.

Abraham had decided to follow the command no matter whether it made sense or not. Early in the next morning he got up and washed his son and dressed him in good clothes. He saddled his donkey and took his son with two of his servants heading to the region of Moriah. “Let’s go to Moriah.”

While he was following them, he was thinking how to kill his son. When he worshiped God with animals as God requested some years ago, he saw his animals burnt by a fire coming from heaven (Gen. 15:17). So he imagined that his son would die like those animals. He walked for three days while thinking of his beloved Son’s sacrifice.

When Abraham walked for three days, Isaac was already

dead in his mind. He was thinking how he could perform his Son's sacrifice to God without his servants' suspecting it.

While thinking of that, he was miserable and depressed but remembered God's promise to him. "God told me that my descendants are going to be uncountable, like the stars in the sky and the dust in the land. If my son should die, will there be a descendant? God's promise will not be a lie. He would not let this son die." He kept walking with these thoughts in mind.

When they approached Moriah, the hill appeared as God showed in his vision. So Abraham prepared everything for sacrifice, and ordered his servants, "Stay here and wait for us with the donkey. My son and I will go and worship God. We will be back to you." Then Isaac asked Abraham, "Father, where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" When Abraham heard the question from his son, he felt deep sorrow. The lamb was Isaac himself. Abraham patiently answered, "God already prepared the lamb on the mountain, so just bring the wood and follow me."

They entered a bush where their servants could not see them. After walking for three days as an old man, he struggled to build the altar. His tears and sweat dripped onto every stone he lifted.

Then, he prepared to kill his son. He thought at that moment that he would follow any command from God, reminding himself that God had taken care of him and allowed him to become a white-haired old man. He tried to manage his mind, imagining that Isaac had not been born.

When he was ready in his mind, he took Isaac's clothes off and laid him on the altar. Then Isaac recognized that he would be the sacrifice. Isaac closed his eyes and said, "Father, do as you will." At the moment Abraham took the knife to slay his son, the command instantly came from heaven. The angel of the Lord called out to him, "Hold your knife. Do not lay a hand on the boy. Now God knows how much you fear him and how much you love him." Then Abraham looked up, and there was a ram caught by its horns. He took the lamb and sacrificed it.

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham again and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have

obeyed me” (Gen. 22:16-18).

When Abraham came down from the hill, holding his Son’s hand after the sacrifice, his sorrow disappeared and was replaced by complete joy because he was proud of himself for having followed God’s command completely. At that time, Abraham had already reached an elderly age. He reminded himself of his life spent without ever having turned away from God. So he was proud of himself for his efforts for God during the last days of his life.

And now, let’s look at the intention of God who commanded Abraham the sacrifice of Isaac. As I explained to you before, God planned the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross at the time of Abraham. The work and happenings in the time of Abraham reflect what was to happen to Jesus in the New Testament. Abraham was the shadow of God, and Isaac was the shadow of Jesus. I’d like to briefly introduce how Jesus behaved when he was in this world, knowing he had to follow Isaac’s life as his shadow.

Solomon built a temple at the place where Abraham brought his son Isaac to Moriah to sacrifice for God (2 Chr. 3:1). Jesus took the cross on the hill of Golgotha. That hill was the place where

Abraham came to sacrifice Isaac.

Moses transferred God's word, "A man guilty of a capital offense is put to death, and his body is hung on a tree" (Deut. 21:22-23). Paul also said, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree" (Gal. 3:13). The great prophet Isaiah, who was much loved by God, prophesied about the Messiah, saying, "For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken" (Is. 53:8).

When Jesus read in the Bible how prophets prophesied about him, he knew the records were for him. So he did not behave on his own, he just followed as predicted in the Bible as God's will.

When he died on the cross, he cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt 27:46), repeating the sentence recorded in David's psalm (Ps. 22:1). He followed the providence of God.

The name Jesus used to call himself as 'the Son of Man.' Jesus said to people, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" (John 6:53). The 'Son of Man' was from David's word that the Christ would come as the

Son of Man. Let's read Psalm 8:4-5. "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor."

David was not an ordinary person, but a prophet. He knew what was to happen through God's instruction. So he prayed "you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay" for Jesus (Ps. 16:10).

Isaiah prophesied about the Christ, describing Jesus' physical appearance. "He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him" (Is. 53:2). So when he came to this world, he was born not into a famous family, but as the son of a carpenter.

When he was in this world, he already knew from the Bible not only what to do by himself, but also in what environment he should grow. Even when he was a child, he already knew everything about himself up to the point of sitting at God's right hand in heaven after being crucified on the cross, but he did not teach this to his disciples because they did not understand even what they had been taught.

John the Baptist pointed out Jesus coming toward him as ‘the Lamb,’ saying, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29) Jesus already anticipated that he, as the Lamb of sacrifice, would bring wood and go up to the hill of Golgotha in Moriah, as Isaac had brought timber with him when he followed Abraham two thousand years earlier. He already knew what would happen to him. The Lamb refers to sacrifice to God.

Galatians 3:13 says, “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.” Jesus came to this world as a cursed one for us. If he did not follow his way as a curse, he could not save cursed people. That is the reason Jesus died on the cross. Jesus had to be cursed to open the way to save us from the curse.

Chapter 12.

Moses' work as the shadow of God's providence

From the sermon on February 25, 2001



God's work is broadly divided into physical and spiritual one. The shadow of the spiritual work which is the real intention in God's plan was shown in the Old Testament through the physical work as the history of Israel. The physical work is called the first covenant, and the spiritual one is the new covenant.

We should carefully look at the providence of God during Moses' work because the events reflect the work that will happen later. Therefore it is critical to know about the history of Exodus in Moses' time.

Abraham and Moses were the most important characters in

the Old Testament. If you do not know about them, you cannot understand the work done in the Old Testament era and even the work of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. The heroes of the New Testament are Jesus and the two Olive Trees. When you see their work in the Old and New Testaments, you will understand how the results of the work of Jesus' holy blood will appear in the spiritual world.

You should pay attention to the word of God when he chose Moses. He called him, 'Moses' and Moses replied: "Here I am." It would be difficult to understand for people who haven't experienced such a call from God. I experienced the same thing. God spoke to me before he ordered me to start his work. He said, "Call me Father, then I will respond to you." I did not know what that meant at that time, but afterward, I knew that from the Bible. God treats me like his son as an Overcomer, as God promised: "He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son" (Rev. 21:7).

When God appeared to Moses, Moses asked, "My Lord, who are you?" Then God revealed his identity, "I am the God of your ancestor Abraham." Moses met the God that he had heard about from his ancestors. God began his work with Moses, saying, "I

chose you to accomplish the covenant that I had with Abraham.”

God commanded Moses, “Now go and see Pharaoh.” Then Moses asked, “Why do you let me go to Pharaoh? I will be killed. I do not dare to go there. I escaped from that place forty years ago because of murder.” Therefore God tried to persuade Moses to go there. God gave Moses much power and authority to speak to Pharaoh, but Moses was still scared.

God asked him, “What is that in your hand?” Because Moses was a shepherd, he had a staff. “I have a staff,” he replied. God said, “Throw it on the ground.” Moses threw it on the ground, and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Then God said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. Then God said, “Put your hand into your cloak.” So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous, like snow. “Now put it back into your cloak,” he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored. God showed his power to encourage Moses to work for him.

We should know that a miracle is different from salvation. Did people get salvation when Jesus walked on water? When

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, were other dead people raised from the dead as well? No, not at all. Miracles are just for showing people the existence of God. But nowadays Christians confuse miracles with the principle of salvation. They are not connected.

God said to Moses, “I will make you like a god in front of Pharaoh.” But when Moses performed the miracles like a god, could the Israelites accomplish their mission? No, they could not. When Moses opened the Red Sea, it did not guarantee for the Israelites that they would enter into Canaan.

The real aim God had when he called Abraham was to destroy Canaan. Why did God want to make war against Canaan? That’s because of their sin ([Gen. 15:16](#)). God announced it to Abraham already. Therefore God ordered Moses to destroy Canaan ([Ex. 23:23](#)).

The mission of the Israelites was to destroy all the places in Canaan where the Canaanites had worshiped the god Baal and to establish an altar to worship God. That was the ultimate goal for God as described in the Bible ([Deut. 12:2-3](#)). But if the goal had not been obtained, it would be meaningless to perform miracles and to let people eat manna from heaven.

Canaan war was the shadow of a spiritual battle in the future. Revelation refers to it as the war of Armageddon (Rev. 16:16). Israel was the shadow of God's army, and Canaan was the shadow of the Devil' army. The final goal of God's will is to destroy his enemy, Satan.



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Chapter 13.

Immanuel's sacrifice and the change of the priesthood

From the evening sermon on September 10, 2000, the
27th Anniversary Worship



People emphasize the significance of family connections by saying, “Blood is thicker than water.” God also emphasized blood in the Old Testament saying, “Blood is life.” Jesus said, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him at the last day” (John 6:54). Why is our Christ Jesus’ blood so valuable and why does he ask us to drink his blood? Let’s talk about it.

God and a human being can be one, a body and a spirit can be one. The connection between the Virgin Mary and invisible spiritual God was God’s masterpiece. As the Creator of the world, God infused his spirit into the body of Mary. These are the steps

that brought Jesus into this world.

When the Lord God created humanity, he formed man from dust and breathed life into his nostrils, and man became a living being, as described in the Bible. When the Lord God takes a living creature, he brings back his breath of life so that only dust remains. Therefore, God said, “Because you were taken from dust, you will return to it” (Gen. 3:19).

God took the Virgin Mary - not dust, but a human being - and blessed her with his grace. The power of God was with her. The one made in that way was called ‘Immanuel’ in the Bible (Is. 7:14). ‘Immanuel’ literally means ‘God with us,’ which we can interpret as that the spirit of God can be with a human being who has a body (Matt. 1:23).

Immanuel is required to connect the spirit of God with humanity and to connect the human body with God. Therefore, Immanuel plays a role as mediator between God and humanity. The Messiah was born to be this mediator.

Now, we have come to understand that the value of Jesus Christ, who is Immanuel, is superior to Adam before the original sin. The superior one became a sacrifice according to God’s plan. To be alive offering for sacrifice, he was crucified and tortured

and shed his holy blood. We already know Jesus was killed on the cross, but why did he have to do that? I will now address this question.

I told you at first that blood is life. The Lord in the Old Testament instructed the system for sacrifice as the shadow of those in the New Testament. God said, “as a penalty for the sin he has committed, he must bring to the LORD a female lamb or goat from the flock as a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin” (Lev. 5:6). That’s the system for the sacrifice.

God prepared a new sacrificial system by the sacrifice of his Son born through a human being to remove all sins (Is. 53:10). Considering this, when there is a perfect sacrificial offering, are imperfect offerings necessary? No. Because of that, the curtain of the temple of Jerusalem was torn in two from top to bottom when Jesus Christ accomplished the sacrificial offering on the cross (Matt. 27:51). With it, God showed that the offering through the offering system in the Old Testament, represented by the offering in the temple of Jerusalem, was no longer necessary.

Jesus said that eternal life would be to those who drink his blood. The question is: how can Jesus’ holy blood give us eternal

life? When Jesus taught his disciples about his blood and flesh, they could not understand. So Jesus said, “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63). But still, Christians could not understand the meaning of this statement. Therefore, they still believe that eternal life can be attained through the ceremony of eating bread and drinking wine.

The Old Testament states that atonement cannot be granted without blood (Heb. 9:22). When Jesus was born, the power of God worked on a human being, Mary. The life which was higher than that of an animal became a sacrifice on the cross. God received the offering through angels, and then he changed it into the living water, which cannot be compared to the benefits made from a calf, pigeon or lamb (Zech. 13:1). The offering in the Old Testament was a shadow of Jesus’ offering. The sacrifice of animal’s blood in the Old Testament was imperfect, but the sacrifice of Jesus’ blood was perfect (Heb. 10:14). Therefore after Jesus’ sacrifice, we do not need an offering of animal’s blood anymore. And the priesthood changed from the priest in the order of Aaron to the priests in the order of Melchizedek (Heb. 7:11).

Chapter 14.

The intention God sent his Son

From the sermon on December 16, 2007



Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of the Son of God as a man in this world. Today, I'd like to talk about what God intended by sending his Son to this world.

I have told about salvation to explain the reason the Son of God came to this world. Let's briefly look at the intention of God when he worked with Abraham, who became the ancestor of faith in Christianity.

You may better understand God's plan if you look at the intention of God when he chose Abraham and think about the procedure by which the Son of God was born. God would not send his Son to this world without a plan.

Everybody knows our Lord Jesus came into this world and he was born from the Virgin Mary. But no one knows why God did work like that. I'd like to explain it.

God told Noah, "I will wipe humanity from the Earth whom I have created. Then I will make new people from your family." God did as he planned. God was grieved that he had made men on the earth (Gen. 6:6). He also promised, saying, "Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood" (Gen. 9:11). From those examples, we can see that God continuously tried to work with humanity to reach his goals.

The same thing happened to Moses. God was angry when the Israelites did not follow as he intended. Then he said, "Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation" (Ex. 32:10). He tried to destroy the people who he had raised for four hundred thirty years in Egypt when they did not follow his plan. We can understand from this that God had something to accomplish in his mind. Did he try to achieve it by himself? No. He needs humanity to do it.

Then what was God's intention? Humanity did not know it.

Nobody could understand it, even imagined it. When God told sending his son through a virgin, did not he have any plan? He had!

When you want to make extra money, you can have others to do it. But if it is critical to you, you will do it by yourself. When God tried to do his work, not through his servants but his Son, his work must be critical. During his work, he prophesied that his son would be born as a man. He had a plan to accomplish something by himself. Abraham was the person whom God needed to begin his project. Abraham himself was not important, but his plan to send his son as a descendant of Abraham is essential.

So Jesus said that Abraham and all the prophets were important, but they were ultimately working for him (Luke 16:16). He meant that what told in all the Scriptures in the Bible referred to him (John 5:39). God needed Abraham, Moses, and his other servants until the Baptist John to work for Jesus. Jesus meant that the work of all the servants of God was done because he had appeared on Earth (Matt. 11:13).

Thousands of years passed until Jesus was born from the time of Abraham, which was the plan of God. God would not

feel it was a long time in heaven, but it was for us.

Jesus spoke that his father is God and he came to accomplish his Father's will (John 6:38-39). It was hard to understand at that time. Who could accept his words? He was just a son of a local carpenter of Nazareth.

When the person who God had prophesied came to this world, then he should do work to accomplish God's will. What was it for Jesus? It was the crucifixion. After John baptized our Lord Jesus, Jesus communicated with God for 40 days and nights to learn what he should do. Even though he learned before, God also showed him what to do and how to do it more clearly.

So our Lord Jesus knew that he had to be killed on the cross. But it was a tough task for him. That's why he prayed to God before captured, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will" (Matt. 26:39). Then when he was killed on the cross, he said, "It is finished" (John 19:30). That means he stated that he followed and accomplished the will of God.

Abraham was the ancestor of the people required for Jesus to be born in this world. When you see the process of Jesus' birth,

you can know God adjusted it. Abraham left Haran and went to Egypt through Canaan, and then he went back to Canaan. The Israelites were also led to Egypt by Joseph and then went to Canaan by Moses. Our Lord Jesus also went from Israel to Egypt and then came back to Israel. The previous events were the shadow of the events that followed because the last one is the real God's aim and he wanted to show it as the previous events.

When Jesus came to Earth, all the work of Abraham and his descendants was finished. Because Jesus was sent to Earth, the role of the Israelites was no longer necessary. That's why Paul the apostle began his mission to preach the salvation through Jesus Christ to other people ([Acts 13:47](#)). After Jesus went back to heaven, he called Paul and showed him what to do step by step. Therefore, Christianity also came to Korea; otherwise, even we may not have known who Jesus is.

Chapter 15.

Jesus' crucifixion

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The ultimate purpose of an offering in the Old Testament was to cleanse man of his sins by offering the sacrifice with the blood of an animal. When they worshiped God with valuable things, the sacrifice reached God, and their previous faults and mistakes were forgiven according to the sacrifice.

Because complete atonement could not be attained through the sacrifice in the Old Testament era, people who offered sacrifice were not able to be perfectly cleansed ([Heb. 7:11](#)). To make the imperfect atonement perfect, God sent us his only Son Jesus.

God's only Son came to this world as a man to complete his

work. He opened the way for us to get the blessing of the Holy Spirit so that we will be blessed to worship in front of the holy throne of God and live with God in heaven after the completion of God's Will.

Therefore, the ultimate purpose for which Jesus came to this world was not to cure our diseases, nor to walk on water. His life on Earth had only one mission: to fulfill the will of God by being crucified on the cross.

When the Son of God came to this world, he already knew what he had to do when he grew to a certain age. He knew that he would be taunted, ridiculed, and scorned by people and then be crucified to open the way for people to be revived from death.

Because he knew his fate, he was sad and depressed even as he preached gospels and performed lots of miracles. He knew exactly how he would be killed therefore he had to prepare for his death. He looked just like an ordinary man outwardly and talked with people ordinarily, but he had something unusual in his mind that people could not imagine.

However, when people saw his behavior, nobody was able to see that he had his destiny to carry all the sin of the world,

to be tortured by the sinners, and to do what he had to do no matter whether people understood it or not. Therefore, his beloved disciples might have seen his feeling from the look on his face when he spoke about his death because he knew that he had to carry a load which no one beside him could bear.

Jesus did not preach many people when he first began his work. First, he tried to collect his disciples one by one and then he taught them the providence of heaven step by step.

As time went on, the name of Jesus slowly became famous. Indeed he knew that his death would come closer when his reputation was growing. After he began his preaching from the region of Galilee, he came to Jerusalem to preach to the Pharisees, scribes, and priests.

He looked like a great man to other people, but he did not enjoy his fame. As the number of his followers grew and grew, his disciples were satisfied, but in contrast, Jesus became more depressed. When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey, his beloved disciples triumphantly prepared his way by putting their clothes on the road in front of the donkey. Alerted to Jesus' arrival, many people greeted him waving palm tree branches.

Jesus knew well that his crucifixion on the cross was the will

of God to accomplish the words in the Bible, even though he did not want it. He smiled in front of many people, but he was fighting in his mind against his fate of death many times every day.

He was concerned about how to explain his death to the people who had followed him for three years without losing their faith in him. There was no way to make them understand his death. He called upon his particularly beloved Peter, James, and John and climbed a mountain with them. He prayed to God on the mountain (Luke 9:28).

“Now, the time comes to glorify you.” He prayed to God for the strength to face his death. After his prayer, he needed to show his beloved disciples that he was the Son of God. So he taught them who he was in their vision. It was the scene of Jesus changing his shape as described in the Bible (Luke 9:29). When his appearance was altered, Elijah and Moses were serving him.

His disciples had followed him until then but did not accept that Jesus would be greater than Moses and Elijah. But the two heroes served Jesus in the three disciples' vision, showing that Jesus greater than them. So they finally understood that Jesus

was not an ordinary man, but a great person, superior to Moses and Elijah. When they came down from the mountain, they felt sorry to Jesus, asking, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?” (Matt 17:10). They asked it because they knew if Jesus was the son of God then Elijah should come ahead.

Then Jesus answered their question. “Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished” (Matt 17:12). Then the disciples understood that he was John the Baptist.

If you think that Jesus was recognized as the Son of God from the beginning, it is a big mistake. There were many difficulties for people to accept Jesus as the Son of God. There were many obstacles to believe it. Even to his disciples, Jesus sometimes might have looked like the Son of God and sometimes he might not. Their faith was fleeting. They could not overcome their confusion. But Jesus said, “Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me” (Matt. 11:6).

Jesus revealed his identity through his preaching. He said in the Capernaum synagogue: “I tell you the truth unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life

in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever” (John 6:53-58).

Jesus explained he was the Son of God and he was the one who will give us eternal life. At that time, even his disciples could not understand it. From this time, many of his followers turned back and no longer followed him. “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the twelve in disappointment (John 6:67).

Jesus already knew all about what would happen, as prophets recorded in the Bible. He knew that he would feel lonely because written in the Bible, “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered” (Zech. 13:7).

He had his last meal prepared just before his death. During the supper, he said with a piece of bread, “This is my flesh. You must eat my flesh as you eat this bread.” And he gave a cup of

wine to his disciples, saying, “You must drink my blood as you drink this wine.” He emphasized again that there would be no eternal life without his flesh and blood. Because Jesus knew that his disciples would not understand these spiritual words, he explained with a metaphor of bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28).

After he taught his disciples, he went along with his disciples to a place where he used to go when he felt lonely. At that time, Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, went out to betray him and eleven disciples followed him.

Jesus went out to the Mount of Olives and left his disciples at Gethsemane because he did not want to show them he was scared of death. He went up a few more steps to the hill and got down on his knees. At that moment, Jesus was very mournful. Because his disciples who had followed him for three years were still suspicious about Jesus’ identity, he was worried about their lack of faith in him. Therefore, Jesus felt lonely when he prayed to God on the rock on his knees. Then he felt his mind getting weak, even though he already knew about his death for thirty-three years.

He wanted to avoid his death, but he prayed. “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me” (Matt. 26:39). God saw

Jesus weakened from the sky, so he urgently sent an angel to encourage him. The angel from heaven appeared to Jesus and strengthened him (Luke 22:43). He prayed again and stopped to look down at Jerusalem.

Today we have electric power, so the night view is quite bright, but there was only the torch on the gate of Jerusalem in the dark when he saw it. After he looked down upon Jerusalem, remembering that he would be crucified there, he came down to his disciples. He was sad to see his disciples falling asleep.

He returned to the place where he prayed before. He prayed to God again on his knees. He prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. His prayer was to decide his life. If he gave in to the temptation, he could not face death. But he won against it.

When Jesus was preparing for his death, Judas came up the hill with other soldiers. Then he kissed Jesus to show who Jesus was. Jesus did not resist his arrest because he had already seen it many times in the words of Isaiah. The prophet Isaiah already prophesied that Christ would be handed over like an animal in the slaughterhouse and like a sheep about to be shorn.

The person who the most painfully embarrassed him was

Caiaphas, the high priest. In his interrogation, people spat in Jesus' face, whipped him and then handed him over to the governor Pilate.

When Jesus was dragged off into the garden of Pilate in chains, beaten, he did not suffer any more pain as he prayed in the hill of Gethsemane. Because he was ready and had already passed his suffering, he was not angry about those who struck him with their fist and with a whip. Because he got already strengthened by angels God sent, he was ready to die.

Pilate was surprised by the calm manner in which he faced his death. First, he tried to test him by whipping him. Usually, prisoners used to work to beg for forgiveness their sin. But Jesus kept silent. Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed. Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." He wanted to release him. But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" It went on as prophesied in the Bible.

Jesus' hands were tied in front of him, and he was severely tortured. But he did not reply. Many people mocked and laughed and cast stones at him, as priests paid them to do so. "Cast stones on Jesus when he is arrested. Then Pilate will not

be able to release him because of your behavior.” It went as they planned. I saw all the details in my vision.

When I saw the scene in my vision that they struck and hit our Lord, I was mournful, leaped out and ran to him and held his tied hands on my knees. “Why do you keep silent with such painful suffering?” When I said this to him, he put his tied hands on my head and said, “Look what I have suffered carefully. You should witness this when the time comes.” He told me that directly.

He never shed a single tear, when he suffered such pain and torture. His face was not distorted, not angry, and not smiling. Even his beloved disciples were amazed by his attitude. Even though they followed him, they also continued to test him, whether he was the Son of God or not. Women were crying, but the disciples were not. They curiously looked at him in detail, wondering why the Son of God was suffering like that. Jesus knew what his disciples were thinking, but he pretended not to be aware of it.

When Jesus came to Golgotha, he was tired and weak. His mind was still sharp, but his body was weak. Six Roman soldiers were divided into three groups of two. Two groups

nailed his two hands, and the other group nailed his feet to the cross and then raised him on the cross.

The most painful scene was the nailing. Jesus let out a scream as the nails were hammered. Mary, the mother of Jesus, heard the sounds and she blocked her ears. When the thick nails broke his bones, he could not stop groaning. When women heard the nailing of Jesus on the cross, some turned back and cried into their dresses. The scene of Jesus being crucified on the cross was brutal. Because he had not eaten anything for a long time to prepare his death, he died in only six hours on the cross.

After Jesus finally died on the cross, some people gathered to take his body. That scene in my vision is still clear to me. His face looked very old. Because all his blood had been drained from his body, his face was only skin and bone and looked entirely different from when he was in the garden of Pilate in the morning. Within a few hours, all his blood was out on the cross. They wrapped his body in a clean linen cloth and put it in a grave.

After the resurrection, his face was different. When he died, he looked over forty years old. But the Lord resurrected looked

at the age of twenty-seven or eight. His face changed - different from that of a man who used to be one of the Israelites. The Lord who is now on the glorious throne has the new face.

When people saw Jesus suffered, no one considered him as the Son of God. He looked just an ordinary man to them. They could not recognize his real identity communicating with God.

After he showed me the course of his pain and torture, he spoke to me when I was discouraged with difficulties in my work, saying, "I already showed you my suffering of pain and torture. Why could you not endure this difficulty?" I was speechless and reminded again, so I was able to continue to work for him.

Jesus became a sacrifice with his pure, holy blood; it was a glorious sacrifice to God. Therefore, God made a spring of living water with the sacrifice ([Zech. 13:1, 12:10](#)). God is now able to give it to us.

When the living water is given to a man, his blood becomes pure like the blood of Jesus. It is like a hymn lyric: "Only the blood of Jesus can cleanse our sins. Only his blood can purify us."

Therefore, before I began God's work, Jesus came to me and said, "I cleaned all of your sins from your ancestors with my blood.

Now through you, my blood will go out to cleanse others. I will keep you safe from the devil with a wall of fire so that he cannot harm and make you unclean anymore.” **He cleansed me and promised that he would keep me from getting dirty.**

So far I have worked for God. You may think I worked on my own, but all my work with the Spirit is from Christ. With his blood, the water of life, I am working now to lead you to the Lord. It’s my duty.

Other people cannot see this with their eyes. They cannot even fathom it. When blessed with the water of life, you shall never perish, and anyone who is supposed to go to hell will get salvation. There is no need for anything else.

The grace of the living water was not available before Jesus’ sacrifice. The blessing was created with the power of his blood. If you follow me without understanding it, it would be meaningless.

Chapter 16.

Resurrection to the imperishable life

From the sermon on April 19, 1978



We gather today to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Many people worship God now with the faith in which the power of Jesus' resurrection would also resurrect them. Today, let us think about the resurrection through the words in the Bible.

People understand resurrection to mean “coming back to life after death.” But that is not the correct meaning of resurrection. Some people have given their testimony after being dead for several days after death. But this is not a resurrection.

Resurrection means, “For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality,” as in the

Bible (1 Cor. 15:53). If a man came back from death and then died again after several years, that is not resurrection. Resurrection is for something perishable to become imperishable.

Whenever I speak about the resurrection, they say that I preach heresy. Why did people say that? Because I talk about something that Christians have not known so far, people get me wrong. So I would like to discuss the words in the Bible to show that my explanation is valid.

When Paul the apostle preached about resurrection, he said, “We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet” (1 Cor. 15:51). ‘Sleeping’ refers to death. The changing will be in a flash.

We know that our Lord Jesus came to this world with a fleshly body. He was born as a baby, and he grew to be a boy, a young adult, and then a man thirty-three years of age when he was crucified. If he returned to his physical form after the crucifixion, he would be around two thousand years old today. If Jesus who died at thirty-three years old and returned to the physical world again, he would have had to eat and wear clothing and would have got old as time went by.

Ladies and gentlemen, please think about it. Dead people in

their coffins sometimes come back to life. Could such a person continue living without food? Because if such a person had the same body as he had before death, he would have had to eat food and to wear clothing.

Mary Magdalene, who saw the last moment of Jesus' life, did not recognize him when she met him again in the grave three days after his death (John 20:14). If she could not identify him just three days after his death, do you think he was still the same as he had been before he died? We have to know that his appearance must be changed after he died.

Jesus appeared on the road to the hometown of two young men who had followed him but were frustrated by Jesus' death. However, they could not recognize him (Luke 24:16). How could they not recognize Jesus, whom they had seen only days earlier? They were not able to recognize him as the resurrected Jesus. These examples show that Jesus' appearance had changed after his resurrection.

While the disciples were talking about Jesus, he stood among them without having entered through a door and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36). Before he died, he would have had to open the door to enter the house. But he was changed.

Jesus was supposed to go back to heaven after his resurrection. But if he still lived inside his body, he would not have been able to go up to heaven.

We are getting older every day, aren't we? Then, can our bodies live forever? We are going to die. We are going to perish. Jesus came to this world as a man to open the way to transform us from perishable to imperishable. If Jesus went up to heaven with his body, which was perishable, Christians also could go up to heaven with their body. But heaven is not accessible with the perishable body.

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). **It is the true meaning of the resurrection. Jesus also said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26). He did not mean that our body would not die. Even though our bodies die, we will have eternal life when we receive salvation through the final judgment, or we might become eligible to go up to heaven without the judgment. These are the second and first resurrections respectively (Rev. 20:6, cf. Rev. 20:14).**

These above words of Jesus are profound spiritually. Jesus said “unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you,” but his disciples wondered how they were supposed to eat his flesh and drink his blood. When Jesus noticed his disciples’ confusion, he explained, saying, “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63).

Think about why Jesus tried to prove his resurrection eleven times by showing his physical body before he went up to heaven. I have told you several times that performing miracles are not favorable for God. Would God have needed to bring ten mighty plagues upon the Pharaoh if he had listened to Moses and released the Israelites from Egypt? No. Would God have needed to kill twenty-three thousand people in a day if they had obeyed him (1 Cor. 10:8)? No.

That’s why Jesus said when some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked him to demonstrate a miraculous sign, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign!” (Matt. 12:39). Because people did not listen to him, he performed lots of miracles for them. But that was not what he wanted to do. “But none will be given it except the sign of the

prophet Jonah” (Matt. 12:39). Jesus meant, as Jonah came back from the belly of a big fish after three days, the Son of God would be resurrected after three days. The meaning of the resurrection was significant for him.

After Pharisees, scribes, and priests crucified Jesus on the cross, they came to Pilate, saying “Pilate, Jesus used to say he would be resurrected after three days. If people moved his body somewhere else and said he was resurrected, the number of his followers would grow dramatically. Soldiers should guard his body against theft. Please send soldiers to his grave.” **So soldiers guarded the grave of Jesus.**

At dawn, three days after Jesus death, angels appeared. Soldiers fell when they saw the angels so bright and white. Mary visited the grave in the early morning to pour perfume on the Lord. But there was no one in the grave. There was only the clothing which had wrapped Jesus.

Soldiers who saw the mighty acts of the angels reported them to the priests. The Priests asked them, “What happened to Jesus? What did you see?”, “We saw a bright light in the night and many miraculous things happened,” **they replied. Do you know what the Priests said? They had to regret and repent their sins**

by saying, “Is that true? Jesus must be the Son of God. We were wrong.” However, they gave money to the soldiers and said, “Take it. Just tell people the dead body of Jesus was stolen.”

When Jesus saw Mary Magdalene approaching to the grave, he felt he needed to prove his resurrection before he went up to heaven. “After I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee” (Matt. 26:32). Jesus already announced he would show himself at Galilee after his resurrection. But people could not believe his resurrection, so they went to his grave, not to Galilee.

If people had gone to Galilee and waited for Jesus, he would not have had to show himself so many times. If they had been in Galilee, then it would have proved his resurrection to the people. Jesus would have said, “Now you see me.” Then he would have been able to go up to heaven immediately.

When an angel saw Mary Magdalene at the grave, he said, “He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him” (Matt. 28:7). But the disciples did not believe it, and they went to the grave to check it.

After they saw that the body of Jesus had disappeared, they got together and discussed the resurrection of Jesus. A disciple among them said, “I cannot believe it if I do not see him

myself.” **Then Jesus appeared in front of them.** “Peace be with you. Do you have anything to eat?” **Then he ate fish to show his resurrection to them.** When they said they wanted to touch him, he let them do it. Jesus had to prove his resurrection by showing his body even though he did not have a physical body because they would not believe his resurrection without seeing his physical body.

They did not know the meaning of the change from mortal to immortal. Even nowadays people do not understand the meaning. Although they have studied for many years in the seminary, they do not know what the imperishable change means. They still believe that Jesus came back to his physical life from the dead, and then went up to heaven.

People may ask, “How do you know that?” I know it because the Lord showed it and explained it to me in detail. When people listen to my sermon, they may say, “Did you have a dialogue with God? You must be lying.” **It was the same for Jesus.** **The priests criticized him,** “You call yourself the Son of God.” If a person who is not the Son of God insists that he is the Son of God, then he must be false and spurious. How could the Son of God be wrong if he said he was the Son of God? It’s an issue

about the spirit that we need to know.

He came to this world with the physical body as the prophet Isaiah recorded in the Bible, “He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him” (Is. 53:2). But now he does not have the physical body anymore. His life after resurrection has become holy and glorious spirit.

When two young men going to Emmaoh saw Jesus, they did not recognize him. But when Jesus showed his previous body, they knew it was Jesus. Then he disappeared instantly (Luke 24:31). Because the Bible said that Jesus had his body after the resurrection, people have believed that Jesus went up to heaven in his physical body after he came back to life. Heaven is not a place we can enter with our physical bodies. Only if we meet the requirements for eternal life, changing from perishable to imperishable, we can go up to heaven.

Chapter 17.

The requirements under which we can live together with God

From the sermon on March 2, 2008



The Bible shows the words of Jesus about the spiritual world, but he did not discuss it entirely. He just said, “Before Abraham was born, I am!” (John 8:58). He also said, “If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” (Matt. 22:45). He quoted from the Scriptures to identify himself.

Let’s look at who the Lord is before I talk about the spiritual world. I told you before that the being of the Lord can be classified into three categories. First, our Lord was with God even before God created humanity. Then our Lord was in this world with flesh body. Finally, our Lord is now in heaven after the resurrection.

Jesus prayed: “Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began” (John 17:5). **How could he dare pray like that if he were not the Son of God? And he also participated in the creation of all** (John 1:1, Gen.1:26, Prov. 8:23).

Nowadays, when you read the words of Jesus in the Bible, you may accept it. But the words of Jesus of Nazareth, who was the son of a carpenter, were not acceptable to the Israelites. These were not simple words. They contained concepts that were difficult for the Israelites to grasp.

Because Jesus knew that teachers of the law, scribes, and priests in Israel had admired Abraham, he said, “Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad” (John 8:56). **Then the Jews said to him,** “You are not yet fifty years old, and you have seen Abraham!” **Jesus answered,** “I tell you the truth, before Abraham was born, I am!” (John 8:58) **These were spiritual words. When they heard this, they picked up stones to strike him, but Jesus escaped, slipping away from the temple grounds.**

The Jews admired David as well as Abraham and Moses because they had known that the Messiah would be descended from David as God had promised. That is why Jesus said to the

Jews, “If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” (Matt. 22:45). David witnessed Jesus as his Lord after he saw him in his vision. “The LORD (Jehovah) says to my Lord (Jesus): ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet’” (Matt. 22:44, Ps. 110:1).

I’d like to discuss this because we have to understand the chronology before we talk about the spiritual world. We have known about the Lord who came to this world. But do we know about the Lord who existed before he came to this world? Do we know about the Lord who lives after the resurrection? We can’t.

The Bible describes our human ancestors; Adam and Eve were created by God, and they lived in the Garden of Eden, not with God. Who was with God before the creation? Jesus was with God as he said. He was not in the Garden of Eden. Before the creation of Adam and Eve, there wasn’t the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:8). If you knew this, you would understand the apostle, Paul’s words about the first and the second Adam.

Our human ancestors, Adam and Eve, could not live with God. The Garden of Eden was their home which was created after Adam. You need to understand this to understand why

our Lord had to shed his blood in this world.

Why did God call our Lord 'Immanuel'? The Bible said, "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" (Is. 7:14). These were the words of God, not the words of a human. Then what is the meaning of Immanuel? It means "God with us," (Matt. 1:23) indicating that Jesus would accomplish the requirements with which God can be with humanity.

Even if we became holy beings like Adam and Eve before they sinned, we would not enter the place where God is. We would only be able to get into a place like the Garden of Eden. Therefore if we do not become a spirit like the Lord, who was with God before the creation of the world, we could not be with God.

Let's look at Revelation. "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God" (Rev. 21:3). If some people are with God, it implies that they had obtained the same qualifications as Jesus, who was also with God before he came to this world.

For us to be with God, we have to become a spirit like the

Lord Jesus. That's why our Lord Jesus came to this world. God sent his Son who was with him to let humanity have the same eligibility as the Lord.

You should know that the way to go to heaven is not simple. Heaven is not a place where anyone can go. Paul, the apostle, spoke about the spiritual world. "So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, and it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body" (1 Cor. 15:42-44).

Now let's see here. Paul wrote, "I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable" (1 Cor. 15:50). He wrote about the secret of the spiritual world.

He wanted to emphasize that we must die, but must be resurrected to become a new life. However, not even he knew how the spiritual world would be organized. That was not supposed to be known to him, yet.

If we were changed to the spiritual form through the Lord Jesus so that we were able to be with God, would we become

better than Adam and Eve before they sinned or not? We will become better than Adam and Eve. That is why the words “The dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them.” are written in Revelation. These are great words.

How long is it that Christianity has existed? How many are those who have believed in God? God commanded only me to build up his temple here, saying, “The sheep following you will enter my kingdom through this temple.” It is the real blessing of our time.

Chapter 18.

Jesus learned God's Will after he received God's Scroll

From the sermon on February 18, 2007



Christians hope to go to heaven, and they have believed that God has already prepared heaven for them. There are lots of praises with lyrics about already-prepared heaven.

When the disciples heard that Jesus would go back to heaven, one of them asked, “May I follow you?” Then Jesus answered, “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am” (John 14:3).

I told you that some words of Jesus were incorrect because he did not know about the Will of God in detail at that time. It is challenging for us to accept this. I said that he needed to correct some of the words he spoke when he was in this world.

Jesus taught his disciples that he would come back before they died. “I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom” (Matt. 16:28). But he couldn’t come back two thousand years after he said that.

When Jesus came to this world, he only followed the way God planned for him. His only objective was to accomplish God’s plan for him, not to execute the entire Will of God. Therefore, he just discussed God’s plan within the limit of his knowledge.

When he spoke about the end of the world, he said, “What I said to you will be accomplished at the last day.” Then his disciples asked, “Then when is the last day?” But Jesus did not define what the last day would be, saying “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Matt. 24:36). If Jesus, the son of God, did not know about the last day, how could we know about it? He said that only God knew it and then went back to God’s world.

After he went back to heaven, he became worthy to take God’s scroll and to open its seven seals. “The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed, he was able to open the scroll and its seven seals” (Rev. 5:5). Because he has triumphed, he

became the highest priest in heaven. It is called the high priest in the order of Melchizedek (Ps. 110:4; Heb. 6:20).

What was his authority? It was his inheritance from God (Ps. 2:8). He was able to see the secret plan of God, which was known only to God, by opening the scroll.

After he learned about the plan of God, he recognized that some words spoken when he had been in this world had contradicted God's plan. So he needed to correct them. But God has already designated his servants to fix them. They are the two Olive Trees mentioned in the book of Zechariah (Zech. 4:12-14).

It was the same prophet who prophesied "the Messiah will be coming" and "God will anoint two Olive Trees to serve him" (Zech. 3:8, 9, 4:11-14). The prophecy emphasized the connection between the Messiah and the two Olive Trees (Zech. 3:9, 4:10, 6:13). After the Messiah was sacrificed for God to create 'the Water of Life' for humankind's salvation, the two Olive Trees would do work for God to bring salvation to his people (Zech. 13:1, 14:8). But it was hidden in the Bible (Zech. 14:7).

Our Lord did not know about the connection between his work and the work of the two Olive Trees at all when he was

in this world. After he went back to heaven, he knew about the plan that God had already made and how he would appoint the two Olive Trees for his plan. So the Lord announced to John, the apostle that he would give power to his two witnesses, saying, “I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two Olive Trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth” (Rev. 11:3-4). He wanted someone who could overcome so that he could set them as his witnesses and let them do what he described in Revelation, “I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it” (Rev. 2:17).

Therefore, the Overcomer (also referred to as the ‘Olive Tree’ in the Bible) would be told the hidden contents of the seven-sealed Book and has the responsibility to accurately correct and complement the words of the Lord when he was in this world.

So everything about the spiritual world will be revealed substantially through the Overcomer. When the Lord Jesus was in this world, he said that he did not know how and when the last day would come. But having gotten to know about it, he can announce it to us through me, the Overcomer. Therefore, the

spiritual world can be revealed step by step today.

There are three stages for the Lord Jesus. First, he was in heaven before he came to this world, then he came to this world as a son of man. Now, he is in heaven after the resurrection. However, his roles in each stage are different.

The activities of the Lord described in the four Gospels of the Bible were before he became the high priest in the order of Melchizedek. But many words spoken through me are from the Lord who became the high priest. That is the new name written on a white stone (Rev. 2:17). The will of God and the Lord Jesus are recorded on the stone and known only to the Overcomer, who receives it.

Someone may repeat my words, but cannot know the full contents written on the white stone. Because of that, it has not been revealed so far. But you can hear the providence of God and the will of the Lord Jesus through me. No one has known Jesus' work for the two thousand years since he was resurrected. Today, only the Overcomer has met the Lord Jesus and heard his explanation for God's providence and has been preaching the words of the Lord to you. Therefore, you can hear the words that the Lord wanted to say.

To distinguish the real work of God from the false, the Bible was written. In other churches, they say that anybody can be the Overcomer. Then why do they not know the hidden words of God? If anybody can be the Overcomer, many people should know the secret words mentioned in the Bible. But that is not correct at all according to the Bible. The Overcomer only should know about the will of God and the Lord Jesus. Lots of admirable priests had introduced the words of the Lord when he had been in this world, but are they able to talk about the Lord in heaven? No.

Jesus said, “From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it” (Matt. 11:12). “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it” (Matt. 7:13). **To go to heaven is not easy. But people like sweet and dislike bitter. The number of Christians has been increasing so far. But the millions or billions of Christians are not worthy of being part of God’s army if they do not know about the will of God. The fact that there are vast numbers of Christians is something that looks good only to people, not to God.**

Because I became the Overcomer, I have been able to see the Lord Jesus and to hear about the spiritual world. How could I know about it without seeing and hearing it? Did the Lord show it to me because I requested? No. Everyone who has believed in Jesus wants to see him. But you cannot force it on your own.

Everything like those is to become true in the providence of God. God told me, “I chose you among four billion people in the world. No one can enter into my kingdom except through you, because my providence is with you.” **When I preached at the church in Cheongryangri, Seoul, 34 years ago, he said,** “The place you stand on is holy, because my providence is with you.” **When I suffered hard times, he told me,** “He who ridicules you is who ridicules me, because my providence is with you.”

Those were what God told me, but I did not say anything to God I want. As you know, we did not have enough money to complete the Algok Sungjeon which God ordered us to build in 1987. I thought that I would be thankful merely to finish the external structure of our Algok Sungjeon to avoid rain and I thought to complete it later years. But God helped us to end the interior as well in that year, and after we finished it, he said to me, “You put great efforts on building my temple in your tough

conditions. I will let you be honorable.” **Then I said to him,** “I am satisfied even now.” **But I feel that he has allowed me to become respected. I have seen that he has given me rewards. I am just grateful to him.**

Chapter 19.

Jesus, the high priest in the order of Melchizedek

From the sermon on Monday evening October 3, 2005,
the Thirty-Second Anniversary Worship



Melchizedek is mentioned in Hebrews to explain the identity of Jesus who was crucified. The author of Hebrews quoted the prophecy of David to show that Jesus was more significant than Abraham.

Melchizedek was the king of Salem at the time of Abraham. Kedorlaomer, who ruled the northern area of Canaan, with other kings invaded southern kingdoms and pillaged Sodom and Gomorrah and promptly left. They also captured Abraham's nephew, Lot, and his possessions. Abraham assembled his people and attacked Kedorlaomer's army and recovered all the goods and people. After Abraham returned from defeating

Kedorlaomer and his allies, the kings of the southern area, including Melchizedek, came to meet him. Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought bread and wine to Abraham. (Jesus used bread and wine as symbols of his flesh and blood.) He was a priest of God Most High. He blessed Abraham and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything he owned (Gen. 14:18-20).

The author of Hebrews wrote: Melchizedek was greater than their ancestor, Abraham because he blessed Abraham and received a tenth of the plunder from Abraham. He was a shadow of Jesus, as a priest forever (Heb. 7:4, 17).

God showed it to David, a king of Israel a thousand years before Jesus, who wrote it in his psalm: “The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: ‘You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek’” (Ps. 110:4).

In Hebrews, the author referred to Melchizedek to emphasize the Christ as the high priest without beginning of days or end of life, with quoting David’s prophecy to persuade Abraham’s descendants. The author of Hebrews knew that Jesus was the high priest in the order of Melchizedek, but did he know what the high priest would do at the last day? No, he did not. He just briefly touched upon Melchizedek. Now, I have revealed who

the spiritual Melchizedek is and what he would do, for the first time since the creation of the world. Not even showing, but I must produce the members of priests in the order of Melchizedek.

Now I am trying to build a model of the heavenly Banquet Hall where people belonging to the order of Melchizedek will feast. It is amazing. No servants of God could even dream of it. Because I am the Olive Tree, Jesus showed me in a vision the heavenly Banquet Hall that will be established in future. That is the very place in which the priests in the order of Melchizedek will receive rewards.

I asked God about the construction of a model of the heavenly Banquet Hall in this world, “Please let me build a model of the heavenly Banquet Hall that you showed me.” When I was considering how to build it, God showed me how to use H-beams and other construction methods. As God taught me, I will make the Hall on a mountain in the Algok Sungjeon zone.

Then only the people in the order of Melchizedek, who are qualified to be bride of the Lamb (Rev. 19:7) and whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life (Rev. 21:27), will be able to see God as described in the Bible (Rev. 22:3-4). The number of

the people will be 144,000, and they will stand on Mount Zion with the Lamb, and they have the Lamb's name and his Father's name written on their foreheads (Rev. 14:1). They will sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one would learn the song except the 144,000 redeemed from the earth (Rev. 14:2-3).

In the heavenly Banquet Hall, the Lamb will have a wedding ceremony with them (Rev. 19:7). I am trying to build up the model hall to show what I saw in my vision. After the construction, even self-proud and arrogant people who have not accepted my words will be embarrassed when they see our work for God.

It is not supposed to be built in this world but will be made in the spiritual world later. After the number of 144,000 is completed from the martyrs of many nations and throughout history, our Lord will have the wedding ceremony with them (Rev. 5:9-10, Rev. 19:7). Therefore, the building is not for this world. We are making the model of the heavenly Banquet Hall that we shall see in the spiritual world.

There was a reason why David mentioned Melchizedek, who was a priest. The priests in Israel had been descendants only from the family of Levi. Since Aaron, the brother of Moses,

became the first priest of Israel, all priests had been from the family of Aaron. But the author of Hebrews spoke of the necessity of another priest. Christ was born as a descendant of the family of Judah.

The priests in the order of Melchizedek are not the priests in the order of Aaron but in the order of the Lord Jesus. Jesus, who went into the Most Holy Place before us, has entered on our behalf (Heb. 6:19-20). Jesus gave martyrs fine linen when he met them under the altar (Rev. 6:11). Fine linen represents the righteous acts of the saints during their lives in this world (Rev. 19:8). Fine linen is the holy clothes for those who are in the order of Melchizedek to wear in the spiritual world.

The armies of heaven would be following Jesus, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean (Rev. 19:14). John, the apostle, described the scene of the war where the armies of God would be following Christ, who has his name written: “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS” (Rev. 19:16). Fine linen is the clothes for the members of the army.

They are the souls required to win the war in the spiritual world. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast (Rev. 13:8). Their names have not been written in the book of life

belonging to the Lamb slain from the creation of the world (Rev. 13:8). Therefore, the souls of those who will worship the beast or his image and receive his mark on their foreheads or their hands cannot be in the army of the Lord (Rev. 20:4). Only those whose foreheads have the names of the Lamb and God can be on the side of God. It is the war between light and darkness. The book of Revelation describes the scenes of the war (Rev. 19:19-21, 20:7-10).

Many people have been studying Revelation by referring to many other books, but they have not understood it. If my preaching about the words of God were illogical, I would be a dishonest servant of God. The truth is not complicated. It is perfectly logical.

Chapter 20.

Jesus' footstool

From the sermon on October 23, 2005 Worship



Recently, I have explained step by step how the requirements for the kingdom of heaven are achieved. Also, I have told you that heaven is not a place into which everybody can easily come.

The Bible describes a group of people referred to as “the most blessed” (Rev. 20:6). They are 144,000 people standing on Mount Zion with the Lamb (Rev. 14:1). When Jesus showed John the apostle the mountain as a metaphor, John immediately recognized the mountain, since he had visited Zion many times. Mount Zion on Earth represents the place in the spiritual world that God will rule (Mic. 4:7). You may wonder what the

144,000 people will do. It is briefly discussed in Revelation, not explained in detail because it is about the war between God and Satan.

David wrote: “The LORD (Jehovah) says to my Lord (Jesus): ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet’” (Ps. 110:1).

Now let us look at this more closely. When God prophesied the birth of Jesus, who born after David, he mentioned certain enemies. God said that he would let his Son sit at his right hand until he would make the enemies a footstool for his feet.

As God said, Jesus became eligible to sit at God’s right hand. Stephen witnessed it when he explained about Jesus to the Hebrews. He said, “Look, I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:55-56). **And then he was stoned to death because of it.**

God said to David that the Christ who would sit at his right hand would become the high priest in the order of Melchizedek, but he had enemies. The throne, upon which the Christ has occupied after he was crucified, was designated for the high priest in the order of Melchizedek. David recorded, “The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: ‘You are a priest forever,

in the order of Melchizedek” (Ps. 110:4).

Jesus’ enemies are not simple to defeat. They have great power. The Christ must reign at the right hand of God as the high priest in the order of Melchizedek until God has put all his enemies under his feet.

A king has all the authority in his nation. When God named the Christ as the high priest in the order of Melchizedek, he gave Jesus the power of the King. Therefore the Christ obtained all the authorities of God in heaven. He must rule it until he has put all his enemies under his feet, as Paul the apostle witnessed (1 Cor. 15:25).

Our Lord Jesus is the Son of God who is almighty, but he has enemies. Jesus said the enemy is the Devil (Matt. 13:39). If our Lord still sits at the right hand of God, it indicates the Devil is not under his feet yet. The Devil must be under his feet for God to rule all. After that, God will give rewards or punishment to us. As long as the Devil is at work, there is no kingdom of heaven and hell.



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Chapter 21.

Jacob and the spiritual Jacob

From the sermon on Friday evening September 20, 2002,
29th Anniversary Worship



There is a big gap between Christians who do not know about the spiritual world and those who exactly know about it. Therefore, Paul, the apostle said, “How can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?” (Rom. 10:14-15).

Lately, I told you about the spiritual world of the past, the present and the future. My preaching is not just a vague repetition of the words in the Bible. As John the apostle said, “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which

we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched” (1John 1:1), I preached to you what God showed and taught me so that you would understand the spiritual world.

Even though the words in the Bible are the same to everyone, just repeating them is not the same as revealing their meaning. I have explained the implications of the prophecies in the Bible that even prophets themselves did not know in their time (Dan. 12:8-9; Zech. 4:5, 13).

Today, we need to understand why God selected and brought up Abraham, his son Isaac, and Isaac’s son Jacob, and why he identified himself as the God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob in the Old Testament (Ex. 3:6).

The Old Testament era ended when Jesus came to this world. Although Jesus was the hero prophesied in the Old Testament, he did not know that some things predicted in the Bible would occur after his death and resurrection. Why did he not know about it? It was not necessary for him to know anything beyond what he had to do in this world. But nowadays, we need to know about it. The stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are deeply linked to our present work.

Isaac had a baby with his wife when he was sixty. He was married at forty and did not have a baby for twenty years. So he became worried that he might never have a baby, because he had heard about God's words from his father, Abraham. Abraham said to him, "God has been with me for my whole life. He explained to me that my descendants would be his people, so you should marry whom I arrange for you." He sent his chief servant to his country to find a bride for Isaac.

Then, Isaac married Rebekah and was expecting lots of children from her. But, to his surprise, he could not have a baby until he was sixty years old. After he had prayed continuously to God for a baby, his wife finally became pregnant. He was so happy about her pregnancy, but she felt something wrong in her womb. Nowadays, if a mother suffers a problem during pregnancy, doctors would check it and treat it quickly. But in the time of Isaac, if there were such complications, both the mother and the baby's lives would be in danger.

Rebekah worried about her baby. Therefore she prayed to God. "Dear God, I do not know much about you. But after my husband prayed to you, I became pregnant. However, I felt something wrong in my womb. Why is this happening to me?"

Then God spoke to her in a vision.

“Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated. One people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger” (Gen. 25:23).

She woke up from her dream and touched her womb saying, “The babies will be born as God said.” So she told her husband what she heard from God in her vision. Isaac and his wife had kept the words of God in their mind.

When the time came for her to give birth, she had twin boys. The first to be born was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother emerged, with his hand grasping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob (Gen. 25:24-26).

Rebekah always remembered what God said to her in her vision: “The older will serve the younger.” So she paid more attention to the younger than, the older.

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying at home. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, saying “Esau will be a hero and a big man.” But Rebekah always remembered the words of God, so she loved Jacob (Gen. 25:27-28).

Jacob bought Esau's birthright from him for red stew (Gen. 25:33). Later, when Isaac was very old, he promised Esau that he would bless him if Esau would bring him food from hunting. Rebekah heard this and thought, "This is not right. God told me the younger would be greater than the older. I must do something for Jacob." She called Jacob. Jacob did not know about God's plan for him. Only his mother knew it. Rebekah said to Jacob, "My son, you should get your father's blessing. Just do what I say." She prepared some tasty food for Jacob to serve his father and then finally Jacob received the blessing of Isaac (Gen. 27:23-29).

Because she knew that the older would serve the younger and the younger would be higher than the older, she tried to let the younger be higher than, the elder, following the words of God. Jacob was able to obtain everything from his father. Because of that, Jacob was threatened by his brother and then finally he had to escape from him.

Here, who do you think made the birth of the twins from the mother, who had been barren for twenty years? It was God. Esau and Jacob were different from regular babies. We can see that the birth of these twins was the divine work of God.

Esau was supposed to serve his brother Jacob. It was the plan

of God. The mother Rebekah let Jacob have his father's blessing, but due to it, Jacob had to escape from the threat of his brother.

Rebekah sent Jacob to her brother, Laban in Haran. He was Jacob's uncle. Today, we can drive or fly somewhere in a short time, but back then they had no option other than to walk. It was a long distance for him to walk. Then the hard time began for Jacob.

God began to work on Jacob to make him his servant. God shaped Jacob's life, from his birth until his death. If Jacob had been born as the older, he would easily have been able to get the birthright and got the blessing from his father. But he was the younger. Because Jacob tricked Esau, Esau was trying to kill his younger brother, so Jacob had to escape from his hometown. Otherwise, he might not have wanted to leave his hometown. Why would he want to leave his hometown in which all his friends and family lived? It was God's plan. He forced Jacob to leave his hometown.

When Jacob stayed at his uncle's home, he became close to his uncle's daughters. That was also the Will of God - to make Jacob do his Will to make a great nation. Because God's plan was necessary, God did not care what Jacob wanted for him.

When Jacob was on his way to his uncle's house, he experienced something. One day, he stopped for the night at a place. He put one stone there and laid down to rest his head on it. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway rising from the earth, with its top reaching heaven, and the angels of God ascending and descending it.

He saw God standing there, saying, "I am the LORD, the God of your grandfather Abraham and the God of your father, Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and the east, to the north and the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" (Gen. 28:11-15).

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! It is none other than the house of God." He took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. Then he prayed, "If God will be with me and will watch over me on this

journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father's house, then the LORD will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth" (Gen. 28:20-22).

God promised Jacob many descendants. So he thought, "I have to have many children as God told me." Then he went to his uncle's house, and he began to serve his uncle. His uncle Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the younger was Rachel. Rachel was beautiful. Jacob was in love with Rachel and said to his uncle that he wanted to marry her. So they had a wedding ceremony.

But when the evening came, his uncle took his first daughter, Leah, and gave her to Jacob. Jacob lay with her without knowing who she was. When the next morning came, Leah was there. So Jacob said to his uncle, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?" (Gen. 29:25). Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. Finish this daughter's bridal week, and then we will give you the younger one, in return for another seven years of work" (Gen. 29:26-27). So with

the promise of seven years of work, he married the younger daughter as well.

If Jacob were in love with the older daughter, he would have had children only with her. But Jacob loved the younger daughter, so he had four sons first from the elder. Furthermore, due to the jealousies of the two, Jacob had two more women. First, Rachel gave him her maidservant, Bilhah, because she wanted children. From Bilhah, Jacob had two sons and because of that Leah also gave him her maidservant, Zilpah, and obtained two sons more also. After Leah had two more sons, Rachel also had two sons. Leah's sons were six. Therefore Jacob had twelve sons in all. It was the Will of God for Jacob to have twelve children. From them, twelve tribes of Israel came out, and they are the symbol of twelve tribes of spiritual Israel, 144,000.

It may seem that Jacob had free will, but God predetermined his life. So his life was different from what he expected. It may not be apparent to people who have only read the Bible, but God controlled Jacob's life. I knew this because God taught me in my visions.

As I told you before, Abraham was the shadow of God, and

Isaac was the shadow of Jesus, who was crucified. Jacob was the shadow of the spiritual Jacob, the Overcomer, who will put a seal of God on the foreheads of the twelve tribes of spiritual Israel (Rev. 7:3-4).

The people of God, Israelites in this world, were made through Jacob, but the eternal world in the kingdom of God will be completed through the spiritual Jacob. Revelation described it, “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God” (Rev. 7:3). Here ‘we’ means the angel, who told it, and the Overcomer, who should do the work. The Overcomer has to fulfill the remains of God’s army. The Old Testament is the shadow of the real work of God.

Chapter 22.

Jacob, the shadow of the Overcomer

From the sermon on Saturday evening September 21,
2002, 29th Anniversary Worship



We are only able to understand the providence of God within the constraints of our knowledge before God reveals the truth. As the Bible says, “This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words” (1 Cor. 2:13). We are not able to understand the spiritual world until the Spirit teaches us. Therefore, when Paul, the apostle, spoke about the spiritual as the Lord taught him, he said, “The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him” (Rom. 14:3).

Before I began the work for Jesus, he showed many things about God's Will and taught the way to accomplish them. But the Lord Jesus told me, "Do not reveal what you have seen until the time comes," because it would have been pointless to discuss it with those who could not understand and accept it. It takes time for people to understand the providence of God and to follow his Will.

Do you know why God let his people call him as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? The three people were symbols of God, Jesus, and the Overcomer. In God's providence, the three beings are most important. The lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were predetermined to show God's providence. But until now, those were hidden as secret.

When Jacob lived for God, his life was very different from Abraham and Isaac, because it was the time God started his work through Jacob to make twelve tribes. Therefore, the circumstances of Jacob's life - being threatened by his brother Esau and having many children with four women - were parts of God's plan.

Jacob's escape was challenging. Jacob did not know that it was the Will of God and he went through difficult times. In the

20 years he lived with his uncle, he had many children. If Jacob needed to move around often and had to raise many children, it would have been tough for him. To help him avoid that situation, God let him stay in his uncle's house and let him get close to many women in the house to have many children.

Jacob had twelve sons, which reflects the future work of the spiritual Jacob, the Overcomer. As descendants of Jacob's twelve sons became twelve tribes of Israel, the Overcomer has to complete the numbers of the twelve tribes of the spiritual Israel, 144,000.

Because Jacob had to take care of his twelve sons, God blessed him for his livelihood. Because of God's blessing, Jacob became rich, even though he was the son-in-law of his uncle. His uncle did not like that Jacob was growing rich, so there were lots of conflict between Jacob and his uncle. Then, finally, he was able to return to his hometown with his sons and wives.

He was able to use camels from the field to lead his family and his belongings home, but he should cross rivers when he met them, and the move was difficult. He worried that his brother might find out his moving back and may hurt him and his family. He sent many gifts to his brother to soothe his anger

toward him.

While he worried about his brother during his move, he had to cross a river of the Jabbok. The river was flowing to the Jordan River. He had sent his family and all his possessions to cross the stream. Jacob was left alone, and he was tired, so he fell asleep. In his vision, a man wrestled him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he could not overpower Jacob, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?", "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome" (Gen. 32:28). The man then blessed Jacob.

Jacob had overcome, and he received the name of Israel, which was the shadow of what would happen to the Overcomer, the spiritual Jacob. As Jacob had struggled with God and had overcome, the Overcomer should overcome the test of the Lord to be used as the Olive Tree, who is his witness (Rev. 2:17, 11:3-4).

When Jacob woke up, his family was waiting for him across

the river. He had his vision while the boat was returning to his side of the river. When he boarded the ship, he was limping, because of his hip.

Chapter 23.

The Lord Jesus was looking for the Overcomer

From the sermon on January 15, 1989



The Bible was not recorded for the benefit of humanity, but for the Providence of God. If you do not understand this clearly, your faith would be just on the human aspect, and you will not understand God's needs. Therefore, even though you might believe in God, your belief will be outside of the work for God's Providence. Faith in God is for the connection with God for his needs, not for achieving your wish in this world.

As I told you before, when God chose Abraham among many people in the world, he already had his plan to send his Son into this world. When God has an idea, it is critical to be included in his work or not. God said in the Bible that the people who

believed in the Messiah would consider him the capstone, but the Messiah would be a harsh stone for those who did not understand about him (Ps. 118:22, Is. 28:16).

You have to understand that God chose Abraham not because he was precious, but because he was an essential component of God's plan. All the kings and the people from Abraham's descendants were necessary to have the Messiah into this world. All the things God had planned for Israel had been completed by the time that Jesus came to this world. You have to understand it if you want to understand the Bible clearly.

Even though Abraham and Moses were great servants for God and Jesus accomplished terrific work for God, they would mean nothing to us if their work was not connected to us.

Finally, the Messiah came into this world. Jesus did all his work as the Messiah. Even though many prophets prophesied his birth from generation to generation and the Israelites were waiting for him, Jesus was not accepted as the Messiah by the Israelites. Do you think Jesus was a heretic just because the Israelites did not recognize him as the Messiah? No matter whether people believed it or not, Jesus was indeed the Son of God, the Messiah, because God sent him into this world.

Jesus said as the Bible describes, “The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it” (Luke 16:16), meaning that all the work in the Old Testament concluded with the coming of the Messiah. It was the words of the Son of God.

However, Jesus could not say everything he wanted to say. He said, “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear” (John 16:12). He said, “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come” (John 16:13).

After he went back to heaven, he took the book protected with seven seals from God (Rev. 5:7). After he opened the book, he learned about the Plan of God and that there was someone who would work for him to accomplish the Will of God (Rev. 11:3-4).

So our Lord Jesus announced the Plan of God to people who had not known about the true Will of God in Revelation. He said, “To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations” (Rev. 2:26). It is the core of

Christianity.

There are many great words and commandments in the Old Testament that the Israelites followed, but those were not necessary after Jesus came. But there were some words that he could not tell until he came back to heaven. Therefore, Christianity is still incomplete. Jesus abolished the commandments in the Old Testament (Luke 16:16), but he could not disclose everything.

How could God's work in Christianity be completed when even Jesus could not disclose everything that he wanted to say? However, Christians have believed that there is nothing left to do in Christianity. They have found in God in that way for two thousand years.

Let's look at one quote from Jesus. "I tell you the truth; this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened" (Matt. 24:34). But all those things have not happened yet. After he got his throne in heaven and he had authority to send us the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, he indicated to John the apostle in Revelation what will be to happen. He wanted the one who overcomes (Rev. 2:7 etc.).

He was in heaven after crucifixion on the cross and only then

he received his throne from God. The words that he said after he got his throne cannot be comparable to the words in the Old Testament or his words in this world.

Now the messages that Jesus sent us are essential. That's why Jesus said, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God" (Rev. 2:7).

Jesus wanted the coming of the Overcomer among the people who had received the Holy Spirit in the churches. Then he promised he would give his blessing to the Overcomer. Were his disciples and even Paul the apostle eligible to receive the same grace that Jesus promised to the Overcomer? No. The revelation was given only after their death.

Many spiritual words that Jesus wanted to say are not in the Bible, because the Overcomer had not come (Rev. 2:17). Christians have not known what Jesus wanted from us for two thousand years.

Jesus wanted to see the appearance of the Overcomer among the people who received the Holy Spirit. He selected seven churches among more than fifty and explained, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him

who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it” (Rev. 2:17). **God also said**, “To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son” (Rev. 21:6-7). **Before the coming of the Overcomer, no one knows God’s hidden secret, and get the water of life.**

Chapter 24.

The Inheritance of Living Water

From the sermon on October 14, 2007



Ever since Christianity started, many people have hoped to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit like fire which Jesus' followers received on the day of the Pentecost ([Acts 2:1-4](#)). But, they have not asked for the water of life that Jesus wants to give us, because they have not known about it at all.

When the disciples heard that Jesus had to leave them, they begged, "You cannot leave us." Then Jesus replied to his disciples, "It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" ([John 16:7](#)). In other words, he said, "I have to be crucified on the cross; otherwise, the way for you to enter heaven

cannot be made. You cannot follow me right now.”

However, Christians have not understood at all what “the living water” is and therefore nobody has wished for the blessing of the Holy Spirit for two thousand years. They are still wanting and praying to receive the Holy Spirit like a fire that one hundred twenty followers received at the beginning of Christianity.

Our Lord Jehovah said, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty, I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son” (Rev. 21:6-7). But nobody knows the meaning of it.

Jesus preached in front of the temple in Jerusalem to the Jews on the last and greatest day of the Feast of Tabernacles: “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scriptures has said, streams of living water will flow from within him” (John 7:37-38).

At that time, the blessing of the Holy Spirit had not been given to the people of Israel who listened to him. Even his followers could not receive the streams of living water,

because Jesus was not crucified on the cross yet, as described in the Bible (John 7:39).

Jesus said that he had to be crucified on the cross to give the blessing of the Holy Spirit, so the people who followed Jesus could not receive it. Later, he has been crucified on the cross and glorified in heaven, but nobody has thought about the living water that will be sent to us.

Jesus promised the blessing of the Holy Spirit like streams of living water flowing from within us, but why has it not come to them although Jesus was crucified on the cross two thousand years ago? Nobody has been able to answer it, because Christians have not known about it at all.

Jesus knew after he returned to heaven that he needs the Overcomer to give the living water to those who thirst. Because the Overcomer had not come out, Christians had not been able to know about the living water and the contents of God's words in Revelation.

In the Old Testament days, it was difficult for people to get complete forgiveness against sins because they had to bring incomplete sacrifices such as sheep, cows, or pigeons. But the blessing of the Holy Spirit, in the form of streams of living

water, is given to us now without cost to cleanse our sins thoroughly (Zech. 13:1).

In this world, legacy comes from parents. The inheritance for the Overcomer from God is this: He who overcomes will inherit the living water. No one will receive the streams of living water mentioned in the Bible except him who overcomes. Nowadays, the words of God are being fulfilled through me. Hundreds of people have received the blessing and have gone to God's world through me.

The apostles and saints who received the Holy Spirit like fire still had to be martyred to go to God's world, and after that, they won the living water. But now we are receiving the living water without cost as we live in this world. It is a tremendous blessing to us. As Jesus promised, the grace is like streams of living water.

Many pastors and missionaries have read the scripture, but they have not been able to understand the meaning. Our Lord prophesied, "He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels" (Rev. 3:5). Jesus introduced me to God as the Overcomer and also to his

angels to work with them. Therefore I am now working with them. Without the moving of the angels, you cannot receive the blessing of living water.

The sixty-six books of the Bible were written under God's guidance, not only by human inspiration. Human beings cannot truly understand their hidden meaning unless guided by the Holy Spirit.

Chapter 25.

The mission of the Overcomer

From the sermon on June 24, 2001



As only those from the tribe of Levi were able to be high priests in the order of Aaron, only those who acquire eligibility can become a high priest in the order of Melchizedek in heaven. The Bible describes those who will be qualified to be a high priest in the order of Melchizedek shall have a seal on their foreheads. “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God” (Rev. 7:3). You must have the seal of God on your forehead to become the spiritual priest.

The seal is given by God and the Lamb as described in the Bible. “Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb,

standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads" (Rev. 14:1).

When a high priest in the Old Testament days entered into the Most Holy Place, he used to wear fine linen and put a plate of pure gold engraved with the words "HOLY TO THE LORD" on his forehead. That was symbolic of the seal on the foreheads of those who will be with Jesus on Mount Zion.

Why are there two names - in the name of God and the name of the Lamb? Those who were martyred in the Old Testament days for following the word of God were given seals of God. Those who were beheaded because of their testimonies for Jesus in the New Testament era received seals of Jesus. After Jesus became the first high priest in the order of Melchizedek, he continued the work that God had done. In both cases, they become high priests in the order of Melchizedek in the spiritual world (Rev. 20:4-6).

Where do those who become high priests enter? They are eligible to get into the Most Holy Place in heaven, which Jesus prepared after he went back to heaven (John 14:2, Rev. 6:9).

Because Jesus purchased men with his blood for God and then prepared the Most Holy Place, the souls who were

beheaded were able to go there (Rev. 5:9, Matt. 27:52-53). Therefore, Jesus was worthy to receive power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and praise. There is a scene in the Bible where many angels in heaven glorified him (Rev. 5:12).

Christians know that Jesus came into this world. Even now many people are studying the acts of Jesus through the gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But no one knows about Jesus in heaven now after he was resurrected. Where is this information? It is written on the white stone (Rev. 2:17). The new name written on the white stone refers to the way of implementation for God's Providence prepared after Jesus went back to heaven.

Therefore, if you do not know about the 'new name' on the white stone, you will not be able to tell about Jesus after his resurrection. I have been revealing it step by step.

Let's take a look at it. Who does Melchizedek, the high priest, represent? He was the symbol of Jesus. In one of David's prophecies, he described what God said to Jesus: "The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek'" (Ps. 110:4).

Jesus became the first high priest in the order of Melchizedek

after he was crucified on the cross (1 Cor. 15:20). What is the high priest in the order of Melchizedek in heaven? We need to understand this.

God set Aaron as the high priest and taught Aaron how to worship him with sacrifice system. The work of high priests on earth was the shadows of those in heaven. Therefore, there will be a Most Holy Place and a Holy Place in heaven as well (Heb. 8:5).

Our Lord Jesus went back to God's world after he was crucified. After Jesus accomplished his work in this world, he deserved to receive the position that God had promised him. The place was the first high priest in the order of Melchizedek. God gave him a book sealed by seven seals. Because he had triumphed, he was able to open the book and its seven seals (Rev. 5:5).

When Jesus received all his power from God, all angels who were in front of God worshiped him (Rev. 5:11). He became a proxy of God and started working on the plan of God after he received all authority. As he said "I have to go to prepare for your place," he had prepared a place for those beheaded for the word of God and martyred for their testimony of Jesus. The prepared place is called "the Most Holy Place" where those who

are eligible to be high priests can enter.

To be one of the high priests in heaven, they must receive a seal on their forehead in the name of God or the name of the Lamb. There will be 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel (Rev. 7:4). They are come from every people and nation because of Jesus' blood (Rev. 5:9). Therefore they are called "spiritual Israel" distinguished from Israel in this world. They are confined in number and involved in the order of Melchizedek. Their names have been written in the book of life that belongs to the Lamb (Rev. 21:27). The task of the Overcomer is to complete that number.

One of the promises Jesus gave to the Overcomer is, "Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name" (Rev. 3:12). The New Jerusalem indicates the bride, the wife of the Lamb (Rev. 21:9). The bride of the Lamb will wear fine linen (Rev. 19:7-8). They are God's army, 144,000 (Rev. 19:14, 14:1). Jesus will allow the Overcomer to know the name of the New Jerusalem, the Lamb's bride, i.e., God's army because

it is his duty to fulfill the member.

In the Bible, that is described as another way: “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God” (Rev. 7:3). That is the words of another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. The angel is working with the Overcomer to put a seal. Therefore Jesus promised the Overcomer to introduce God’s angels to work together (Rev. 3:5).

Because Jesus taught me these before starting God’s work, I can preach about it even though I did not read the Bible for 28 years. I have never been to a seminary, but I have taught about the spiritual world of that even great pastors have never heard.

A tremendous spiritual world is approaching you. I have been doing my best to help you become one of the high priests in heaven. But if you are not eligible for it when you die, you will be dragged into Hades. You will have to wait over one thousand years in Hades until the high priest in the order of Melchizedek judges whether you can go to the kingdom of heaven or hell.

Dear people, there are two hundred countries on earth. No matter whether the country is small or big, wouldn’t it be amazing to become king or president of a country? There will

be 144,000 countries in the spiritual world. It is hard to imagine. After God will break the power of Hades and entrap the devil, he will rule all worlds. The Revelation of John said God would take his great power and begin to reign (Rev. 19:6).

Now, what you are looking for is to be the high priest in the order of Melchizedek whose name is written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb as his bride. It is like a kinship record.

Because the high priest in the order of Melchizedek is closely related to God and Jesus, Jesus is described as the bridegroom and those who become high priests as the bride of the Lamb (Rev. 21:9). It is a Biblical metaphor.

Chapter 26.

Joshua, the high priest, as the shadow of the Olive Tree

From the sermon on March 29, 1990 Thursday early morning



The Israelites suffered after they lost their country and were taken captive in Babylon. Other countries ridiculed them. But after they came back from Babylon, God prophesied through Zechariah that he would make Jerusalem overflow with prosperity and would comfort Zion ([Zech. 1:17](#)). God also used two important people as metaphors for two Olive Trees in the vision of Zechariah.

“He showed me Joshua, the high priest, standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him” ([Zech. 3:1](#)). It was the scene that God showed Joshua the high priest to Zechariah in his vision.

Joshua stood before the angel of the LORD, which means the angel was protecting him. “The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?” (Zech. 3:2). Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel (Zech. 3:3).

You may have questions. The angel was protecting Joshua, but how could Satan make his clothes filthy? ‘Filthy clothes’ is a metaphor for sin (Zech. 3:4). God showed that Joshua, who was being protected by the angel, was made filthy by Satan.

God ordered angels in front of him to take off Joshua’s filthy clothes, and he said to him, “See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you” (Zech. 3:4). God showed how Joshua changed from dirty to clean. Zechariah said in his vision, “Put a clean turban on his head.” Then Zechariah saw that Joshua got a clean turban and the angel of God stood near him.

“If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts” (Zech. 3:7). The house of God means God’s world. Therefore God will allow Joshua to govern all in heaven after he finishes God’s work.

“I will give you a place among these standing here.” It is an

important sentence. God will let Joshua communicate with those standing there. “Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come” (Zech. 3:8). Joshua’s associates are those who the high priests in the order of Melchizedek. They will be selected in the future.

God also showed Zechariah the time when it will happen. “I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua,” (Zech. 3:8-9) meaning that after his servant with the name of ‘the Branch’ will appear, what will come true. Isaiah already prophesied that Jesus would grow up like a tender shoot and like a root out of dry ground (Is. 53:2). The Branch means the Messiah.

When he comes, he will play the role of a stone. Zechariah saw a stone set in front of Joshua. Isaiah recorded, “So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: ‘See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed’” (Is. 28:16). God symbolized Jesus as a stone.

God said to Joshua, “See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an

inscription on it, and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day” (Zech. 3:9).

Now, let’s analyze this. As I explained before, Joshua, the high priest, was not clean when God showed him to Zechariah. When Satan made Joshua filthy, an angel was standing there, but could not prevent him from getting dirty.

Do you think a human can cleanse sin by himself? No, not at all. But God wanted to prepare the way to wash the filthiness. To do that, he had to bring his servant, the Branch (Jesus), and give the stone (Jesus) seven eyes.

After that, God will engrave an inscription on the stone, and remove the sin of this land in a single day. God wanted to show that some people would be cleansed, just like the associates of Joshua at that time.

Dear people, was there any way to be cleansed before Jesus came? He came into this world to establish the necessary condition for the cleansing. After he was crucified as a sacrifice, God was able to create a fountain of living water that can cleanse us from sin and impurity (Zech. 12:10, 13:1).

Therefore, it was impossible to cleanse the filthy clothes on

Joshua in the time of Zechariah. Thus we can know that Joshua was a symbolic character. Many Christians have believed that the two Olive Trees are Joshua and Zerubbabel. They are not the Olive Trees, but they are the shadows of the Olive Trees. John, the apostle, prophesied that the two Olive Trees would be Jesus' witnesses ([Zech. 11:3-4](#)). Therefore anyone in Old Testament days cannot be the Olive Trees.

What does Joshua have to do after he has clean clothes? He has to walk in God's ways and meet his requirements, which means he should do his duty according to God's order. After finishing his mission, he will govern God's house and have charge of his courts ([Zech. 3:7](#)). What a tremendous promise! How vital must the task of the spiritual Joshua, the Olive Tree, be if God will give him such a fantastic power? His work is to make his associates be seated before him.

Joshua cannot do it by himself. The Messiah, who is called the Branch, must come first and become the stone with seven eyes. After Jesus was crucified, he received seven eyes in front of God ([Rev. 5:6](#)). The seven eyes are the seven spirits of God sent to earth. Then God will remove the sin of this land in a day, which is the work to be done through the spiritual Joshua ([Zech.](#)

3:9). Those are all metaphors.

The associates of Joshua who are made through Joshua are righteous, among the 144,000. Joshua must complete the number that will make up the army of heaven. God has been working towards this for four thousand years. So how important is it to finish the work of Joshua? That's why God will give him the right to rule his house after Joshua accomplishes his task.

But Zechariah, who recorded God's prophecy, could not understand the meaning. He just recorded what angels said to him, and he was not allowed to know it, because it was a prophecy for the future.

God himself opened the sky and said directly to me about 15 years ago, "The work that I prophesied through Zechariah, my young servant, twenty-five hundred years ago will be accomplished through you." Those words came from Jehovah, not from Jesus. I have been working hard according to his words, even though I have had lots of difficulties.

The word that God prophesied twenty-five hundred years ago is being accomplished now. But how can you understand it if you do not know the providence of God and the spiritual world?

The Spirit of God was always with Jesus when he was in this world, but Jews who did not know it sold him for thirty silver coins and tortured, whipped, and then crucified him on the cross.

Even they did not recognize the Son of God, so how can you readily accept me as the Overcomer, the servant of God? As I always told you, my sermons are entirely unscripted and unprepared. I have never fasted to receive the Holy Spirit. But, I deliver the words of God and Jesus to you. That's a fantastic thing.

The Holy Spirit is always with me wherever I go and whatever I do. When I preach the words of God, the Holy Spirit is still with me. You might experience this feeling after you have gone to the spiritual world. It is amazing grace.

Some work has already been done, and the rest is being accomplished, as God had planned. It was amazing to see the progress in the world perfectly matched what God said to me before I started his work.

Be that as it may, I am not a god, but just a human like you. So sometimes you may not believe me when I talk about what I have done so far. God said to me, "Those who face you are facing

me.” It is essential for you to be in the work of God’s providence.

As I told you so far, the stone with seven eyes means Jesus, and the person who receives the stone is the Olive Tree, the **Overcomer**. “To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it” (Rev. 2:17).

It is unbelievable to see the prophecy announced through the people of Israel come true in Korea through me, the Overcomer. In my vision, I talked with those who wore fine linen in the spiritual world. I asked one of them, “Where are you from?” Then He answered. “I was a follower of a certain prophet (whose name I cannot reveal here) when I was on the earth.” It is like a fairy tale.

Jesus is now working with the Olive Tree, the spiritual Joshua, to accomplish the will of God. He was the Branch and became the stone that has seven eyes, which can strike and smash the statue on its feet of iron and clay which Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream (Dan. 2:34). The words in Zechariah Chapter 3 explain that only Jesus, the Messiah, can cleanse Joshua, the high priest. Spiritual Joshua has received the stone and has been working on the plan of God. That is to remove the sin

of this land in a single day. That's why God told me the words that Zechariah prophesied would be accomplished in my time. That is the inheritance of living water (Rev. 21:6-7). We should understand how important it is to us.

Chapter 27.

Zerubbabel and the Olive Tree

From the sermon on April 5, 1990



When God directed my work, he said, “The work that I prophesied through my young servant Zechariah twenty-five hundred years ago will be accomplished through you.” **Therefore** I assume Zachariah was young when he was called as a servant of God.

Zechariah described that God would bring ‘the Branch,’ who would be a stone with seven eyes, and then remove the sin of this land in a single day. God would also cleanse Joshua, who was made filthy by Satan, and put a clean turban on his head and then his associates, who are men symbolic of things to come, would be gathered. The Messiah had to come first to

accomplish all of those things. The role of the Messiah was to become a stone with seven eyes.

Today, let's take a look at the prophecy through the name of Zerubbabel. Joshua was the highest religious leader, and Zerubbabel was the most senior political leader in Israel at that time. It is fascinating that God showed Zechariah the two leaders as metaphors for Olive Trees.

Zechariah recorded what he saw in detail. "Then the angel who talked with me returned and wakened me, as a man is wakened from his sleep," ([Zech. 4:1](#)), which means the angel came back to him in a vision a while after he showed Joshua, the high priest to Zechariah.

The angel asked him, "What do you see?" Then he answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand." **Communicating in a vision is unique.** What we see in the real world cannot be suddenly changed, but in a vision, the entire scene can be suddenly shifted. For example, when the angel asked him "what do you see?" a new scene suddenly appeared to him.

I have told you several times about my experience. When God ordered me to open the Bible, among the written scriptures I saw a blank section, and when God told me to look into it, it

turned into a screen, like a movie. Therefore, I can preach what I saw in my visions as if I describe scenes in a film that I saw. Whenever I am teaching what I saw, the Holy Spirit helps me remember it as I go along, so that I can deliver the message powerfully.

When the angel asked Zechariah “What do you see?”, Zechariah also saw a scene like in a movie. He answered, “I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lights on it, with seven channels to the lights. Also, there are two Olive Trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left” (Zech. 4:2-3). He asked the angel “What are these, my lord?” Then, the angel explained about Zerubbabel. Zechariah knew Zerubbabel because he was the governor in Israel in the time of the Persian Empire.

Zechariah saw many scenes in his vision, but he could not understand what they meant, because it was not necessary for him to know then. He just recorded God’s metaphorical explanation of his prophecy.

Zechariah asked, “I saw many things in the scene, but what do they mean?” Then the angel answered: You know Zerubbabel, do not you? He worked hard to build the temple of God and was

blessed by God. When he leveled off a mountain and brought out the capstone, many people were joyful, shouting “God bless it! God bless it!” It was not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of God (Zech. 4:6-7).

He then explained about the seven lights of the gold lampstand. The seven lamps on the gold lampstand are ‘the eyes of the LORD, which range throughout the earth’ (Zech. 4:10). The seven eyes are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth (Rev. 5:6). Therefore the seven lights are the seven spirits of God (Rev. 4:5).

The seven eyes shown in the scene of Joshua were connected to a stone, a metaphor for the Holy Spirit and the Messiah (Zech. 3:9). The seven eyes described through the metaphor of Zerubbabel were also related to two Olive Trees (Zech. 4:10). Therefore, we know that the stone, i.e., Jesus, and Olive Trees are associated with each other through the seven Spirits.

Here, the golden lampstand with a bowl reflected the worship service at the time of Zechariah. The lampstand indicates church, i.e., saints, to work for God as priests (Rev. 1:20, 20:6).

Zechariah could not understand what he heard, so he asked again, “What are these two olive branches beside the

two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?” (Zech. 4:12). The angel replied, “These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth” (Zech. 4:14). “Being anointed” means being with the Holy Spirit. They are chosen by God and then become representatives to serve God all over the world. So when they appear, God sends his messages through them.

The role of the Olive Trees is to transfer golden oil to the people (lampstand) who believe in God. ‘Golden oil’ means the blood of Jesus Christ and is in the bowl of the gold lampstand. Therefore, Jesus said that two Olive Trees are his witnesses (Rev. 11:3-4), and explained their role as turning the waters into blood, i.e., Jesus’ blood (Rev. 11:6).

The lamps are blazing with golden oil, which is the work of the Holy Spirit (Rev. 4:5). In other words, the Olive Trees give the blood of Jesus Christ to churches so that they can do the work of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the Olive Trees are to work with Jesus Christ closely. All these things were already planned even before God called Abraham to serve him four thousand years ago.

Now let’s look at it in detail. Because golden oil is the blood of Jesus, the Olive Trees who are supposed to give his blood to

people would come after Jesus came into this world. Therefore, you may know Zerubbabel was a symbolic person indicating the Olive Trees who came after Jesus as his witnesses.

He leveled off the mountain and brought capstone to build the temple. Zerubbabel rebuilt the Jerusalem temple when he was the governor, symbolizing the role of the Olive Trees.

Leveling off the mountain means destroying the sin. In Isaiah, God prophesied that he would make a worm Jacob into a threshing sledge, new and sharp. “See, I will make you into a threshing sledge, new and sharp, with many teeth. You will thresh the mountains and crush them, and reduce the hills to chaff” (Is. 41:15). A threshing sledge is a machine to gather crops. Threshing the mountains and crushing them means to cleanse sins when gathering crops. That is spiritual Jacob’s, i.e., the Overcomer’s, responsibility. He washes people’s sin and collects them as crops, which was also prophesied through the role of Joshua the highest priest (Zech. 3:8-9).

That work is done not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of God (Zech. 4:6). The role of spiritual Zerubbabel, the Olive Trees, is to remove sin from people. To give the role to the Olive Trees, God gives them ‘the golden oil,’ which is the spring

of the water of life, which is given to the Overcomer. (Zech. 13:1, Rev.21:6-7).

The capstone represents Jesus Christ. He identified himself as the capstone quoting the Scripture in Psalm (Ps. 118:22; Matt. 21:42). Zerubbabel brought the capstone, which means Jesus will be with him. Therefore, John the apostle recorded in the Revelation that Jesus will give the Overcomer a stone (Rev. 2:17). Therefore Zerubbabel was the symbol of two persons who would be chosen after Jesus and who would become his witnesses (Rev. 11:3-4).

Zerubbabel also finished the temple. The temple means churches, i.e., God's people. We are God's temple, and God's spirit lives in us (1 Cor. 3:16). 'Finishing the temple' means completing the number of righteous people, who make up the temple. In other words, the role of Zerubbabel is to achieve the 144,000, the armies of God. It is the same as the prophecy that God will make the Overcomer a pillar in the temple and write on him the name of the New Jerusalem (Rev. 3:12). The New Jerusalem is the bride of the Lamb, 144,000 (Rev. 21:9-10, 14:1).

The Overcomer, who is the spiritual Zerubbabel, will be with the seven spirits of God. He has a plumb line in his hand to

finish the temple, which consists of 144,000 saints (Zech. 4:10). The Overcomer uses a plumb line to check whether the temple is upright, which means the Holy Spirit measures your faith.

Nowadays, what God told Zechariah is being accomplished. God said, “What I indicated to Zechariah, my young servant, will be accomplished in your time.” It is the truth that will never be changed. We should know how precious our time is if God’s prophecy is being accomplished with us.

It is so amazing that God symbolically prophesied the coming of the two Olive Trees through Zerubbabel the governor and Joshua, the high priest. Jesus Christ accomplished the role of the stone, which had seven eyes two thousand years ago. Then, we have to look at the work of the two Olive Trees. It was indeed honorable of Zechariah to record such a vital prophecy, but the Olive trees, which should accomplish the prediction, are even more distinguished.

Chapter 28.

The right to sit with Jesus

From the sermon on August 27, 1989



The Overcomer is the one who receives the covenant, that Jesus Christ promised, which proves who the Overcomer is. When God needs something to be done on Earth, he chooses a person and instructs him to perform his will. In this case, the servant of God is not a prophesied one. But when a predicted person appears, the prophecy for him becomes precisely correct, so that it proves that the person is the one who was prophesied by God.

If you do not know what God wants from us, it's hard to follow God in the right way. The history in the Bible shows us many examples. When you reach the Last Judgment, you

may say “I did not know about it,” but your ignorance will not warrant you any mercy from God.

Jesus said, “Be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves” (Matt. 10:16), meaning that we should be careful not to believe in God without knowing ‘why,’ but we need to know what is correct and what we have to do for our God.

The two Olive Trees in the Old Testament were mentioned only to Zechariah. Jesus Christ also cited them as his two witnesses in Revelation, but he just introduced what God already planned.

When I began to work on God’s plan, he told me, “The work that I prophesied through Zechariah, my young servant, twenty-five hundred years ago will be accomplished through you.” Zechariah recorded the prophecy of God, and now I am working on his plan.

As you know, Zechariah spoke with an angel as if they were talking person to person. These days, if I say Jesus told me something in a vision, then people may consider me a false religious leader or a heretic. They may wonder why they should believe what I say. If you take a look at the Bible, God or angels explained something to the servants of God in detail.

God mentioned to Zechariah that the two Olive Trees would be anointed to serve God of all the earth. Therefore, when the prophesied persons appeared, God had to let them know his prophecy.

Everything that God showed Zechariah was in the book sealed with seven seals (Rev. 5:1), therefore nobody else knew what was written in it. Then, after Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross and became the high priest in the order of Melchizedek, he was able to receive all authority from God (Rev. 5:5).

I have told you several times that Jesus received all authority from God. So Jesus knows the entire plan of God now. If he were not the Messiah whom God prophesied or could not accomplish his work, he could not tell us the plan of God.

Jesus Christ has triumphed and received all power from God. The responsibility to fulfill the providence that God had planned was transferred to Jesus Christ. Because it is true, it means that Jesus Christ has been ruling Christianity for the last two thousand years.

After he received all the power from God, he began to work on God's plan. When he opened the book, he was able to see

the plan and recognized things that he had preached to people while he was in this world was somewhat different from what God wants. So he needed to correct it.

But Jesus was already glorified in heaven and will not come back in this world as a human being again. God had already decided to select two people to serve him, which was prophesied through Zechariah. Jesus knew this, so he announced the plan through John, the apostle. It is a famous book, Revelation.

When Jesus was in this world, he was able to talk to us as a human being. His words were recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Unfortunately, Christianity in the world has not known any of Jesus' words apart from these four gospels. Nobody knows more than those. Even many famous pastors and scholars have studied the Bible in detail, but have only been able to preach what Jesus Christ said while he was in this world.

But Paul the apostle was able to see something more than that they had. Therefore, no one knows better than Paul about Jesus Christ and God. Look at what Jesus said in Revelation. "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will

take place later and send it to the seven churches” (Rev. 1:11, 19). Even Paul, the apostle, did not know it because John the apostle received this revelation only after Paul died.

Christianity looks complicated to people. But it is simple and clear that there are only Light and Darkness as the only two distinct forces. Since Jesus Christ knew God’s work, he has been performing the plan of God, step by step. Therefore, he showed me his intention to finish God’s work.

There are some things which have been announced to us and some things which have been kept secret from us. Jesus said, “I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two Olive Trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth” (Rev. 11:3-4). He wanted to set up the two servants as God prophesied through Zechariah (Zech. 4:14).

Jesus Christ has been waiting for the two Olive Trees for two thousand years. Eventually, the two Olive Trees, the so-called Overcomers, appeared in Korea. Jesus had to give his power to them as he promised in Revelation, “To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne” (Rev. 3:21). After Jesus

has triumphed, he sits with God on His throne; it means that God gives him all the authority. As Jesus received the power, he could promise it to the Overcomers. He mentioned his promises not just one time, but seven times as he sent his message to the seven churches (Rev. 2:7, etc.).

They inherit all the authority from Jesus as God said, “To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son” (Rev. 21:6-7).

As God promised, Jesus received all the authority only after crucifixion on the cross. Jesus also would not give the power over the nations to the Overcomers until they have overcome and completed his will. They received new responsibilities after their victory (Rev. 2:26).

After Jesus selected me as the Overcomer, he brought me in front of God to introduce. Jesus Christ said to God, “My Father, this is the Overcomer I have chosen. I want to introduce him.” Then God answered, “Your name is Lee Youngsoo. Raise your head.” Then, a dialogue between God and me began.

Chapter 29.

Harvest with a sharp sickle

From the sermon on November 6, 1988,
Thanksgiving worship service



“I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one ‘like a son of man’ with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, ‘Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.’ So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested” (Rev. 14:14 -16).

Today is Thanksgiving Day, so I would like to talk about the spiritual harvesting written above. John saw one ‘like a son of man’ on a white cloud. The son of man is Jesus Christ. David

prophesied that when Jesus came to this world, he would identify himself as ‘the son of man’ (Ps. 8:4) and Jesus exactly followed David’s prophecy. So, ‘like a son of man’ implies that the person resembles Jesus Christ, but is not Jesus Christ himself.

Because the clouds were considered the mediator between the sky and the earth, the person like a son of man will play the role of mediator between God and humanity.

The one like a son of man had a sharp sickle in his hand. The angel who came out of the temple let him take his sickle and harvest the ripe grain, so there is a close relationship between the angel and the one with the sickle. The angel cannot do anything by himself and neither can the one who has the sickle. The angel must call the one to harvest the crop which is ripe.

The ‘one’ is not Jesus Christ. Then who is this ‘one’ working with the angel who comes from the temple? He wears a gold crown on his head. That tells us that the one is the Overcomer. The crown is given for his triumph.

The one having the golden crown has a sharp sickle which is used for harvesting. The sickle symbolizes the spiritual tool

for spiritual harvesting. The ripe grain symbolizes the people who will be in God's army. Therefore, we can conclude that the temple is the place where the people are being raised to become ripe.

Because the harvester should work with the angel, Jesus Christ has to introduce him to the angel. So Jesus said, "For he who overcomes, I will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels" (Rev. 3:5).

Because the Overcomer is the one like the son of man, he will first communicate with the angel, who is working on the temple, and will then be able to harvest the crop. The angel will say "take your sickle and harvest, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." He will, therefore, be unable to touch the immature crop, even though there will be many.

God showed me something related to the harvest in a vision. It was a windy day. He asked, "What do you see?" I answered, "Chestnuts are dropping from the trees to the ground because of the wind. So I am collecting them in a basket." He added, "If your sheep are not ripe enough like the chestnuts, you are not able to harvest them."

In another vision, he also asked, “What are you doing?” I answered, “I am collecting grapes.” I was able to collect the ripe grapes easily, but I could not pick an immature one, even though I rotated its stem several times. God said, “You cannot collect the immature one. As you cannot harvest the immature one, you cannot harvest your sheep that are not ripe yet.” He emphasized that I had only to harvest that which was ready to be collected.

It is our destiny. Even if there are many people in the church, I cannot harvest anyone if they are not ripe. Because God showed me how to build the temple where the grain will mature and become ripe, I named it ‘Algok Sungjeon.’

My work is to follow God’s word. “Make your followers qualified to come into my world, even if there is only one.” Our church is pursuing to make the ripe grain, rather than trying to attract massive crowds come. Therefore, even if only one person attends my sermon, he must become ripe.

As the scripture in Revelation describes, the Overcomer is the one who has the sickle to harvest the ripe grain. You must be perfectly ripe for me to reap you. I put all my effort into making you mature. To be spiritually mature, you have to overcome all

the difficulties confronting you. God showed me his providence and plan, which he had never announced to anyone before, to let me work for you to become ripe spiritually. He gave me a secret covenant for my work.

Many people are preaching the words of Jesus Christ even now. But no one can teach what Jesus wants from us now. Nobody knows what he wants. But I am working for him step by step.

You must know the providence of God and understand what God wants from us to receive salvation. Many people have thought they need to believe in God and worship him in their way. But this is a mistake.

When King Saul worshiped God in a way that God never commanded, he could not escape punishment from God. God told Saul through Samuel, “You acted foolishly. You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time” (1 Sam. 13:13) and “To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams” (1 Sam. 15:22).

Even if you work hard for God, it does not guarantee God’s blessing. It is essential to work on what he wants in the way he

wants. The servant of God should let God be satisfied and make him say, “Fortunately, I chose the right person as my servant.” We have to work in a way that God approves.

My dear people, today is Thanksgiving Day. People offer God what they have harvested this year. They thank God for letting them have a peaceful life. On Thanksgiving Day, we have to focus not only on the offering of the earthly harvest but also on the offering of the spiritual grain. You have to deeply ponder whether you are becoming spiritually ripe or remaining immature.

Why do we worship even during difficult times like these? That’s because we do not want to be abandoned in the spiritual world. No matter whether we were rich or poor and no matter whether we were famous or miserable in this world, everyone will face the same situation after death. Since Christianity began two thousand years ago, tens of billions of people have believed and have met the spiritual world. But everyone has been dragged into Hades, except the martyrs (Rev. 6:9, 20:4). When you die, two demons, with two horns and a tail, come and drag you into Hades. We cannot avoid it. You do not want it, but your soul will see how it will be pulled out of your body.

When we are living in this world, we do not think about death seriously. But at the moment you die, you will realize your body is nothing. Even rich people or kings are horrified when they are to see the lake of fire in hell. It is a horrible fate to stay there for eternity.

The revenge of God will be ferocious. Paul described how God would take revenge on his enemies, “Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord” (Rom. 12:19). Moses killed twenty-three thousand people one day who objected to him, but that’s nothing for God (1 Cor. 10:8). When many people stand in line for the final judgment, 144,000 kings will judge them with a book of life and other books (Rev. 20:12). The judgment determines if they go to the kingdom of heaven or hell.

Dear people, take a look at a trial in this world. Even a confident person might feel scared when standing in front of a judge. According to the judgment, he will go to prison or be free. So he would become humble and gentle to ask for mercy.

Dear people, the judgment in this world might sound horrible to you, but imagine how terrifying the judgment in the spiritual

world would be. It is possible that you might see a close friend as your judge in the spiritual world, but there will be no mercy on your sins. Even among us in our church, some people will become judges and others who will have to face judgment. It's up to you.

You are not competing with only people in our church for a place in the spiritual world, but with everyone who has believed in Jesus in the last two thousand years. It's a good fight (1 Tim. 1:18). I, the servant of God, put all my effort for you to avoid this scary situation. I want to make you the judge. You do not even know how precious I am for you now, but you will understand it in the spiritual world and will be grateful for my efforts. I am doing my best to make you spiritually better than those in other ages of God's work.

There is a top-secret covenant between our Lord and myself. Nobody knows the promise. If you take a look at my sermon books, you may say there is something special. But that is just a small portion of what I know.



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The Army of Heaven



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Chapter 30.

The Lamb's book of life

From the sermon on September 25, 1988



God gave us his prophecies through his many servants in the Bible, but the 144,000 were not mentioned anywhere except in the Revelation of John. Therefore, the 144,000 are very special and mysterious to us. None of the prophets knew about them. They are recorded in the Lamb's book of life (Rev. 13:8). Jesus Christ is the only one who received 'the Lamb' as his name. Therefore, the Lamb's book of life refers to what Jesus has now.

But the book was called 'a scroll of remembrance' in God's presence in the Old Testament when God announced to his servants that their names were written in the scroll (Mal.3:16).

After the Messiah accomplished everything he had to do,

he went back to heaven and received the authority that God promised. He received many things, but the most important was the book which was in the right hand of God (Rev. 5:7).

The book was the scroll of remembrance of God in the Old Testament era. But when Jesus the Lamb became eligible to receive and open it, the book was called the Lamb's book of life (Rev. 21:27).

After the book became the Lamb's book of life, he was able to talk about the 144,000 as mentioned in Revelation. If Jesus had not been able to open the book, he could not have announced the 144,000 and nobody would have heard about it.

John, the apostle, was the first one who received the announcement about the secret of the book from Jesus. He was such a lucky man to receive this message from Jesus. He was a humble man, so he fell to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown it to him. Then the angel said, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!" (Rev. 22:8-9). John, who just received and recorded the message, was considered his fellow by the angel. Then you can see how precious the one who will accomplish the word is.

The Lamb's book of life was the book that God had in his right hand. Moses mentioned the book for the first time in the Bible. When the Israelites sinned by making a golden cow, God did not want to forgive their sin. Then Moses asked, "But now, please forgive their sin. But if not, then blot me out of the book you have written" (Ex. 32:32). The book was God's book of remembrance.

In the New Testament era, all the martyrs who were beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus Christ have been recorded in the book (Rev. 20:4). Paul also mentioned the book, "Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life" (Phil. 4:3). Jesus collected all those whose names were recorded in the Lamb's book of life and gave them a white robe (Rev. 6:9-11). He told them to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed (Rev. 6:11).

It's been two thousand years since then. Jesus himself has been recording more names among Christians for two thousand years. But when the Overcomer appeared, Jesus gave

all the authority to him.

Even the prophets in the Most Holy Place in God's world did not know about the 144,000, so they asked Jesus, "Our Lord, when is the end of the world? And when can we revenge our blood?" (Rev. 6:10). It was a dialogue between Jesus and the souls of prophets whose names had already been recorded in the book. But you hear about the 144,000 even though you are still living in this world. It's like a fairy tale, but it's a fantastic blessing for you to hear it.

Although the providence of God was recorded in Revelation two thousand years ago, churches have been unable to understand it. They cannot even imagine why Revelation was written.

Many different people are following me in our church. There are specific criteria for them to be recorded in the Lamb's book of life. Even if millions of people were following me, but if no one could pass the criteria, nobody would be recorded in the Lamb's book of life. It's my work to make you registered in the book. God told me, "You know everything about my providence. You must prepare their souls to be one of the 144,000." I cannot do it all by myself, neither can you. We have to work together to

accomplish this task.

The Lamb's book of life records the selected souls among so many people since the creation of the world. In the vision, Jesus showed me the book in which my name was written. But he will give me what he promised after I finish his order as he said in Revelation, "To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations" (Rev. 2:26). That will be different from what I have now. But I cannot do it by myself. I need your help.

The 144,000 names are being recorded in the Lamb's book of life, but those who can receive salvation at the last judgment are recorded in the book of life, given to each of the judges on the Judgment Day (Rev. 20:12). There are very many names written in the book of life. So, if the 144,000 kings have one book of life for each, 144,000 books record the names of people who are not included in the 144,000 but would receive salvation.

Some people in our Algok Sungjeon will be included in the 144,000. But some of you will not be included - your names will be recorded in the book of life which will be given to one of 144,000 judges. In the judgment, the books will reveal what you had done correctly and where you should go.

Chapter 31.

The 144,000 - the Spiritual Israel

From the sermon on August 8, 2004



Let's read Rev. 17:13-14. "They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers." **Here, this scene will be after the devil, called the beast, will receive all power and authority from Satan and then will make war against the Lamb. But the winners in the fight will be the Lamb and his followers.**

For the two thousand years of Christianity, we have believed that God is almighty so that it is regarded as natural that he will easily accomplish everything. But if you take a look at the Bible,

you might notice that it's not that easy. After Jesus became the high priest in the order of Melchizedek and learned all about the secret plan of God, he had to begin to work on the plan and so asked John the apostle to write about the spiritual war.

He chose seven churches and dictated a letter to John which was sent to seven churches. "John, to the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne" (Rev. 1:4).

The Revelation of John is not about earthly issues, but spiritual events to come. The names of the different gods are mentioned. One of them is referred to as the ancient serpent, called the Devil or Satan (Rev. 12:9). Those were named not by a human being, but by God to indicate them. Those names are used to identify another god who is against God and Jesus Christ.

Even Revelation describes the relationship between the gods and what is to happen to them. Therefore, Christians who believe that God is almighty would not understand Revelation well. They may say, "Who can dare be the enemy of God?"

Jesus said that the Overcomer would let others know about

the contents of Revelation in detail, saying, “I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it” (Rev. 2:17).

War is the opposite of peace. You have to win a fight to survive it. Peace comes after one has been defeated and has surrendered to the other. Whether the winner is our God or Satan, one side must beat the other to obtain peace. We cannot avoid that.

As I read, the head of the evil will give his power and authority to the beast (Rev. 13:4). John saw a devil who took the authority; he described it like a beast. The beast will make war against the Lamb.

Then, there are those who are with the Lamb. They are called, chosen and faithful followers and will be able to win the war with the Lamb against the beast (Rev. 17:14). “All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast - all whose names not written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb slain from the creation of the world” (Rev. 13:8). Those who are ‘called, chosen and faithful followers’ will not worship the beast. Their names are written in the Lamb’s book of life. They are the army of heaven following the Lamb, riding on white horses and dressed in fine

linen, white and clean (Rev. 19:14).

As Revelation prophesied, the war must come in the spiritual world. The battle is between gods. Jesus was a man when he was in this world, but the Lamb is not a human anymore. He is a god, and the beast will challenge him.

The Lamb will bring his army who are “called, chosen, and faithful followers.” They are the army in heaven dressed in fine linen, white and clean. If they are vulnerable to worship the beast and lose to it, the Lamb cannot bring them to the war. Only those whose names written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb will not worship the beast.

Now, do you understand why God needs those people and why he is still collecting them? He is creating the army that cannot lose against the beast. When God told me about his providence, he asked me to help even a single person become eligible to be dressed in fine linen.

All people except the army in heaven will worship the beast. If the numbers of the military in heaven get filled, Satan will become worried. So the devil in our world, who is called the great prostitute, tries to prohibit us from becoming members of the army in heaven (Rev. 17:1). Therefore the evil, called the great

prostitute, is fighting against us now (Rev. 17:6), but the beast will fight against the Lamb in the spiritual world in the future.

The first war between God and Satan was in the Old Testament era and the second war, where God and Satan are fighting to take the souls of human beings, has been going on during the New Testament era. The third war will be between the Lamb and the beast in the spiritual world. I have been preaching the three steps of war for more than twenty years. If you do not know them, you cannot understand the book of Revelation.

Fine linen was indicated as the shadow, as Aaron was dressed in fine linen to enter into the Most Holy Place once a year. Not anyone can join the Most Holy Place in the spiritual world, only God's servants and martyrs (Rev. 6:9). They are the army in heaven, spiritually dressed in fine linen (Rev. 19:14).

Why will only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life not worship the beast? They are the army so that they will be trained for one thousand years (Rev. 20:3). "They sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth" (Rev. 14:3). **Singing a new**

song means the heavenly army's training that only 144,000 can receive. Because they will be trained so rigorously, the beast will not be able to overpower them.

The fine linen is the clothing for those who will go to war. The fine linen is bright and clean, which are opposite to dark. The bright and clean linen is necessary to win against the dark; in other words, it is the spiritual army uniform (Rev. 19:8).

If you are eligible to be dressed in fine linen and enter the Most Holy Place in heaven, evil spirits cannot touch you. Therefore, angels will come to bring you to heaven, and you will stay with other souls in the Most Holy Place.

As stated in Revelation, the number of the army has already been decided. As there were twelve tribes in Israel, there will be twelve tribes consisting of 12,000 for each in the spiritual world (Rev. 7:4-8).

God told me, "Your sheep will come to my kingdom through this temple that you built." The 'kingdom' does not refer to a place where any soul can enter, but the Most Holy Place where only those dressed in fine linen can stay.

Jesus Christ, the Lamb, will go to the war with his followers. So you can guess how strong the enemies are. To overcome the

challenge from the strong enemies, the followers also must be strong; otherwise, they cannot prevail in the war. Therefore the army must be like the Lamb. That's why they are called high priests in the order of Melchizedek, like Jesus (Heb. 6:19-20).

When the number of soldiers in God's army reaches 144,000, the Devil and his followers will be in grave danger. Jesus will take out the army in heaven to fight for the war against the evil. The army consists of 144,000 of soldiers, but the command of the darkness is countless, like sand (Rev. 20:8).

When you take a look at an example of Gideon's army, we may know that war is not just a matter of numbers. God needs only 144,000. When the beast brings his command, it will look like a war made by computer graphics in a movie. Revelation describes the war that will happen, but it seems like a novel. But you are only now hearing the real story.

Eternal peace in the spiritual world will not be made automatically. Peace cannot come before the war in the spiritual world finished. Then the final judgment will be offered to all (Dan. 12:1-2).

Chapter 32.

A time, times and half a time

From the sermon on December 2, 2001



When we read the Bible, there are many things we cannot understand. Among them is the phrase ‘a time, times, and half a time’ mentioned in Dan. 12:7 and Rev. 12:14. It is a mysterious and challenging phrase because it is top secret for the war between the Light and the Dark.

The exact meaning of this crucial phrase has been top secret, no one besides God has understood its implications. But he had to reveal the mystery when he explained the ‘last day’ to me. What is the last day? The Bible says it is the day that God will triumph against Satan (1 Cor. 15:26). We must first go through ‘a time, times and half a time’ before we can reach the last day.

‘A time, times, and half a time’ refer to a specific length of time. This time-unit describes the duration of the first phase of the spiritual war between God and Satan. It is not necessary for ordinary Christians to understand this concept, but only for the soldiers who will fight for God.

Daniel described: “It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed” (Dan. 12:7). **It means there will be a war.**

God used the term ‘A time, times and half a time’ when he referred to the period of the war during which the beast will rule the spiritual world, but God uses the term ‘1,260 days’ to denote his part during the same period (Rev. 11:3, 12:6). They refer to the same period. Who will appear during the time that beast will rule? There is no one except the Olive Tree in the Bible who will prophesy the ‘1,260 days’ (Rev. 11:3, 7).

1,260 days are 42 months if every month is counted as 30 days. 42 months are three and a half years. God uses numbers to express his providence. The number three is for the work related to heaven, and the number four is to Earth. Therefore the number 3.5 has the symbolic meaning of what is between

heaven and Earth. In other words, the number 3.5 is related to the work interrupting cooperation between heaven and Earth in God's work. That's Satan's work.

Jesus began his work at thirty years of age and worked for three years. Then he was resurrected three days after his death. 'The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit' are three (Matt. 28:19). 'The Spirit, the water and the blood' are three (1John 5:8). These are examples of the usage of the number three used to describe God's Providence in the Bible.

On the other hand, many servants of God on earth, for example, Moses, David, and Solomon worked for God for forty years. Moses was on Mount Horeb 40 days to receive God's Ten Commandments. That means the number four is related to God's work in this world.

God indicated the perfect number as seven which is three plus four, which means the cooperation between Heaven and Earth will complete God's work. Therefore, Revelation mentioned the number seven several times, such as seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven bowls. Seven was also used as the number of days for creation of God.

God indicates Satan's disturbance as the number 3.5. It is

also called ‘three and a half years’ or ‘three and a half days,’ or ‘a time, times, and half a time.’ If time is counted as one year, then ‘a time, times and half a time’ would add up to three and a half years.

Daniel heard the angel saying, “It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed” (Dan. 12:7). Daniel also prophesied that Satan would try to change ‘the set times and the laws’ (Dan. 7:25).

During the time, who will work for God? It is only the Olive Trees when Satan will work for a time, times, and half a time (Rev. 11:3-4). The Olive Trees, as witnesses of Jesus, are not Moses, Eliza, and even Jesus.

Christianity has never known about a time, times, and half a time. Recently, I have defined the time as a period for the first phase of the spiritual war between God and Satan. Therefore, when the time comes, the battle between God and Satan will begin. God and Satan will lead the fight. During the time, Satan will disturb the side of God.

Therefore, the suppressed period will be a time of sorrow. So the people who prophesy for the fight between God and

Satan will be clothed in sackcloth (Rev. 11:3). Will they suffer this sorrow forever? No. After they have finished their testimony, they will be killed by the beast (Rev. 11:7). It's the time after 1,000 years from their witnesses because the beast will be released and comes up from the Abyss only after 1,000 years in the prison (Rev. 11:7, 20:7). The beast will be given great authority to exercise it for 42 months from the Satan released from the Abyss (Rev. 13:2, 5, 20:7). After the three and a half days, a breath of life from God will enter into the Olive Trees, and they will stand on their feet (Rev. 11:11).

The Bible describes the scenarios of the war. Daniel foretold that Satan will try to change the set times and the laws (Dan. 7:25). Therefore, the two Olive Trees should also be ready for the change of them. The spiritual war will not be simple.

Daniel said that there would not be any war more significant than the final spiritual battle (Dan. 12:1). It's the war between the light and the dark. Most of the passages in Revelation are about the war. It looks complicated but straightforward to him who knows.

Chapter 33.

The war in the spiritual world

From the sermon on October 1, 1987,
14th Anniversary Worship



God and Satan have always been each other's enemies. They have been continuously fighting to bring human beings to their side. The first stage of the fight was the global war between those who believed in God and those who worshipped Satan in Old Testament days. When those who believed in God won a battle, God was pleased, and vice versa for Satan.

God called himself 'the God of all flesh' at that time (Jer. 32:27). Therefore, God directly told his servants how to offer sacrifice to worship him, saying, "For all the firstborn are mine. When I struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, I set apart for myself every firstborn in Israel, whether man or animal. They are to be mine. I

am the LORD” (Num. 3:13).

The people of God always asked his help when they had to take part in a battle. The people who worshiped other gods also obtained assistance from their gods and fought against the people of God. It was like a never-ending battle. Among them, one example of crucial battles between God and Satan was the war at Megiddo (2Kin. 23:29). Jesus Christ taught John the apostle to record Armageddon (Har Megiddo in Hebrew, the meaning of mount Megiddo) as the symbolic place where the spiritual war will happen (Rev. 16:16).

The biggest sin of humanity was the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Jesus was crucified on Golgotha; in other words, Satan challenged most strongly God there. When the Egyptians enslaved the Israelites, Moses cursed and fought against Egypt with the power of God. At that time, magicians in Egypt also showed the strength of their god. But God showed his fantastic ability to them so that they had to release the Israelites. It was a war between God and Satan. Also, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was one of the deadliest punishments of God on earth.

In Revelation, those three places were also shown as the

symbolic places where two witnesses will be killed for three and a half days after they fight against the beast from the Abyss. “Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, and where also their Lord was crucified” (Rev. 11:8).

Therefore, humanity has always been in the war between God and Satan. God needs humanity to win the battle against Satan, and Satan also needs humans to fight against God. They have been doing all they can, each in his way, to get humanity on their side.

Because God and Satan fight through humanity, it tells us how vital humans is for them. God created humankind because he needed our help to fight against Satan. It is the main reason for God’s creation of humanity.

Let me explain again. God did not create humanity to receive worship from us, but to let us fight against Satan. When Satan looked at the human beings God created, he already knew that they would be a threat to him. So Satan had to prevent humanity from being on the side of God. The war has started in the garden of Eden and will continue.

Revelation described the camp of God’s people and the city he

loves (Rev. 20:9). There are many words and phrases mentioned in the Bible which aren't fully explained. Some examples are 'the camp,' 'the castle,' and 'the city.' There are also '1,260 days,' '1,290 days,' and '1,335 days' (Dan. 12:11-12). Many biblical scholars have tried to understand their meanings, but it is impossible for them to know it by their thought.

If the enemy brings tanks for the war, can the other side fight with just rifles? No, that would be a one-sided game. The same principles apply in the spiritual battle. If the enemy is dominant, the other side should have a strategy to overpower their force.

Revelation says, "All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast, all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world" (Rev. 13:8). How can those, who do not know about the beast at all, fight in the war against it? They will be useless, even though their numbers are more than 100 billion.

The Lamb's book of life records only those who can learn the strategy of the war and can fight against Satan during the third war. God will teach them who the beast from the Abyss is and what weapon they will have to use to win the war.

The book of Revelation talks about the third war. But the specifics and more delicate details are cryptic. Only Jesus knew it after he received the secret book from God. And he acknowledged it to the Overcomer (Rev. 2:17).

Satan cannot overpower him at all so he will not be influenced by the dark anymore. If this was not so, he could not have worked for Jesus, because Satan would have interfered with his work. But it is not by the power of a human being, but by the power of God, as described in Zech. 4:6.

Many scholars have tried to understand the providence of God by studying the Bible. But God's providence cannot be understood merely by reading and reviewing it. My knowledge comes directly from God. Whenever I preach, deep and secret words are coming out of my mouth because the Holy Spirit is with me.

The Holy Spirit delivers the water of life not only to the Overcomer but also to those who follow him for free (Rev. 21:6-7). Therefore, they can be cleansed from their sins through him. Satan is so scared of it because Satan cannot overpower him.

In contrast, God has been waiting for the necessary condition for the Second Advent of Jesus to be fulfilled through the

Overcomer. When you see that my life is something which nobody can mimic, you will recognize that God is behind me.

The statement “I will remove the sin of this land in a single day” (Zech. 3:9) is coming true in our time. I, the servant of God, am also a human being just like you in your eyes. The Holy Spirit and evil spirit can both enter your mind, but the evil spirit cannot touch me. Jesus gave me the power to prevent Satan from having control over me. That’s the ‘Wall of Fire,’ as Jesus taught to me. It’s essential for you as well as for Jesus Christ.

You are anointed and protected by the only one who received the power from Jesus Christ. I will make you 100% pure so that you will be with Jesus in heaven. I am working on you step by step with the covenant between God and myself.

Samson had powers in his hair. No one could overpower him, because they did not know the secret. His influence was like a massive machine. There was no way to defeat him. Delilah tried to find the secret of his power. Samson was reluctant at first, but Delilah manipulated him to tell her his secret. Samson lost his control after Delilah cut his hair when he was sleeping.

If Satan or even you found out the secret God gave me, my life would have already been over. I cannot reveal it to anyone.

Because Satan cannot know about it, he is being embarrassed and struggling to find it.

I may seem like an average person, but I have a secret. As nobody could overpower Samson, Satan cannot overwhelm me. I am just a middle school drop-out, and I grew up in poverty. However, with the power of God, I can preach his words in confidence.

Chapter 34.

The authority that the soldiers of heaven will receive

From the sermon on May 13, 1990



Whether you believe in God or not, everybody will go to the spiritual world. The important thing for us is what we will be in the spiritual world.

While we are living in this world, we hope that we will receive rewards for our efforts working for God. All the rewards and punishments are entirely accurate in the spiritual world. As a shepherd separates his sheep from his goats, the righteous and the unrighteous will be distinguished in the spiritual world. It will be done in the final judgment. Today, I want to talk about this phenomenon in the spiritual world, a world which we cannot avoid.

Let's take a look at Revelation 20:4. "I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge." They are God's army, and after the spiritual war against Satan, they will judge all the others since Adam. The souls of the chosen 144,000 will belong to God. Some people will belong to Satan. For these few, the trial will not be necessary. Everyone else, however, will face the final judgment by the 144,000.

John, the apostle, saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. They will have a pile of books in their office that record the names of those to be judged. As judgment for a prisoner takes a while in this world, it will take a lot of time to judge so many people in the spiritual world.

Moses' work was in the first covenant, which was for this world. The new covenant is about the spiritual world - how the people of God, who can live in the kingdom of heaven, will be made. The first was the shadow of the second so that I can explain the judgment in the spiritual world based on the judgment in this world.

First of all, who will be the judge in the spiritual world? "I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given

authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years” (Rev. 20:4).

Those beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus are those who stated their belief in Jesus as the son of God and were martyred because of it in the New Testament era. And the people beheaded because of the word of God are those who observed God’s word and were martyred because of that in the Old Testament era. They will not worship the beast during the spiritual war between God and Satan (Rev. 13:8).

The appearance of souls in the spiritual world will be different depending on whether they belong to the Holy Spirit or evil spirit. When you meet your friend or a relative in the spiritual world, they will not be able to recognize you because you will have a different appearance from what you had in this world.

Here is an example. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb of Jesus at dawn. She saw that the rock at the entrance of the tomb

had moved and Jesus' body was not inside the tomb. Mary also saw a man looking like a gardener standing nearby, so she asked him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him" (John 20:15). Then she heard the voice of Jesus come from his mouth. Therefore she knew he was Jesus and tried to touch him. Then he said, "Do not touch me." She saw the resurrected Jesus, but could not recognize him. His appearance was different from what it was before he was crucified.

If a man tries to deny his sins before a judge in the last judgment, his whole life in this world will be briefly shown on a screen. He will see himself and the sins of the life he lived in this world. But the cleansed sins will not be displayed on the screen (Rom. 4:8). The Overcomer's work is to give you a blessing, the water of life, which is for the cleansing of your sins (Rev. 21:6-7; Zech. 13:1).

John saw thrones, in his vision, on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years (Rev. 20:4). Revelation described the Lamb as Lord of lords and King of kings (Rev. 17:14), which means that Jesus Christ will rule over the 144,000

kings. The 144,000 will be kings in the spiritual world no matter whether they are ranked first or last.

As Revelation recorded, the 144,000 will be kings with the authority to judge and will be high priests in the order of Melchizedek (Rev. 20:6). It is a fantastic blessing for them. The kings will sit on their thrones. Jesus Christ is the first high priest in the order of Melchizedek, and he is sitting on the right hand of God (Col. 3:1).

Revelation described another throne which is neither for the kings nor Jesus. Jesus prophesied, “To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations” (Rev. 2:26), and “To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne” (Rev. 3:21). The other throne is designated for the Overcomer.

Speaking of thrones, God has the highest ranking in heaven. The second throne is for Jesus Christ, and the third throne is for the Overcomer. Then, the fourth rank is for the four creatures (the archangels), and the fifth rank is for the twenty-four elders. The sixth rank is for the 144,000 kings, who will receive the authority to judge and become the high priests in the order of

Melchizedek. These six ranks will be for the level of kings in God's world in the future.

As our world has different ranks in government, such as minister and vice-minister and so on, there will be ranks in heaven. The hierarchy in heaven will be more rigid, and the rankings will be more numerous than they are on Earth. When our Lord God reigns, the Lamb will give all his authority back to him (Rev. 19:6, 1 Cor. 15:25).

The 144,000 will reign with Jesus Christ for one thousand years as described in Revelation. One thousand years is not a long time in the spiritual world. This period will be before the eternal kingdom of heaven. But after the devil is destroyed, the 144,000 will reign for all eternity (Rev. 22:5).

Chapter 35.

Those invited to the Lamb's wedding

From the sermon on February 26, 1989



The servants of God and their followers will gather in the spiritual world even though they worked in different times and environments. They will be so delighted to see all the others who had suffered pain and even death to work for God or Jesus Christ.

As the lyric of the Hymn just we sang, “Apostles, martyrs, prophets there, around my savior stand, and all I live in Christ below, will join the glorious band, will join the glorious band,” **all the people who had believed in our Lord will get together and be introduced to each other, and be seated in order according to their rewards. It will be glorious to see and**

greet each other.

At that moment, there will be no room to think about the pain and sorrow that they had suffered on earth. The new world that God will rule by himself is such a fantastic place that we cannot imagine its scale now.

In my vision, I met prophets who had significantly worked for God to receive fine linen and have stayed in the Most Holy Place in heaven. When I asked one of them his name, he identified himself. And he curiously asked me, “You are the Overcomer, right?” Then I replied, “Yes, I am.” He said, “I envy you.” He is already in God’s world but envied our work for God.

Through my vision, I was able to understand how luxurious and magnificent the new world would be.

Let’s look at Revelation 19:6 to see what the new world will look like. “Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: ‘Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.’” It was what John the apostle heard from a gathering people.

As I told you several times, the kingdom over which our Lord God will reign will not be for a thousand years, but for

eternity after the third war. Jesus Christ will prevail over the place for one thousand years, and then God will make the eternal world. Jesus Christ must reign until God can make the eternal world.

During the period that Jesus Christ must reign, Jesus' enemies will not be a footstool for his feet (Heb. 1:13). But, when our Lord God reigns all, his enemies will be already under his control. After that, God will create the new eternal world (Rev. 21:1).

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready” (Rev. 19:7). This event will happen in the new world that God will create because it is in the time when God will reign.

“Because his bride has made herself ready, fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints” (Rev. 19:8). John heard the event from angels and just recorded it. John was the person who recorded it, but not the person who will accomplish the prophecy. Dear people, who will be more significant between the recorder and the doer? You are now looking at the person who is achieving the prediction that John recorded.

John, the apostle, heard from the angel, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’” (Rev. 19:9). We send invitation letters to close relatives and friends for our wedding ceremony. The message contains the names of the bridegroom and bride and their parents. Here are the people who will be invited to the wedding ceremony of the Lamb and his bride. Who are they? Today, I am going to talk about those who are asked.

Those invited are not the Lamb’s bride as well as the Lamb. The asked are going to attend the wedding. However, not anybody would be invited. Dear people, if you were to draw up an invitation list for your wedding, you would not ask someone whom you did not know. You would invite your friends, relatives, and someone who can help out at your wedding.

When the wedding of the Lamb and his bride (who are the 144,000) happens, the guests must be closely related to them. Only those who are connected to the Lamb and his bride will receive invitations. Because the invited people will be closely associated with the 144,000 kings, they will be blessed as the angel said to John.

Because guests at a wedding are related to the bride, they can easily recognize the bride. You may not be able to imagine how the guests see 144,000 brides at a glance, but they will be able to see all the brides in the spiritual world. It may sound very strange to you.

As the bride is introduced in front of guests in this world, Jesus Christ will introduce his brides one by one and indicate how they are eligible to be his bride.

The place for the wedding will be similar to a dome stadium. Because you are now hearing about the heavenly wedding banquet place, you will recognize the place when you see it in the spiritual world.

Many people will be invited to the wedding. If 144,000 brides invite one hundred guests each, 14,400,000 will be gathered. No place can hold such a number in this world. It will be difficult to imagine how big the hall would be. But the hall will be very luxurious. The size of the room will be incredible.

God will officiate at the wedding. Jesus will be the bridegroom, and 144,000 souls will be his brides. Guests at the wedding will envy the brides who will march into the

hall wearing bright and beautiful linen. The brides will feel delightful and be proud of them.

In this world, when a bride marches into the wedding, she may feel so happy, but unfortunately, that feeling would not continue for a long time. In heaven, the people who suffered pain for all their lives will receive bright and fine linen and enter into the hall with a guard of angels. The 144,000 brides will come into the room one by one, so it will take lots of time. But time is meaningless there because it is the eternal world. It's like a fairy tale.

As I tell you about the spiritual world, you may think heaven is different than you thought before. It will be more magnificent than you can imagine.

So who is going to shout: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns." It will not be the bridegroom or the brides, but the guests. That's because there will be so many guests, their voice was described like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder.

The spiritual world is such a fantastic place. Jesus Christ will welcome the 144,000 wearing fine linen. They will be called in the order and led to Jesus Christ. Jesus will

introduce them with all of their work for God in this world in front of the many guests.

Jesus showed me the ceremony in my vision, he explained like this: “This person worked for my Father or me, suffering great pain or death. So he is eligible to be my bride.” The person started to cry, even though Jesus had not finished half of his introduction. He was able to vividly remember the suffering he had experienced in this world and was overwhelmed with the Jesus’ rewards for his efforts. Jesus showed his appreciation for the person’s efforts wiping away his tears.

After the introduction, angels led him to his seat, still singing his praises. You may wonder how much the first seated man has to wait until all 144,000 are seated. You may think that the earlier they are seated, the more they may get bored. But you will never feel tired in the spiritual world. You will not feel suffering when all of the 144,000 will be introduced.

Many guests will look at the 144,000 who are seated with joy and glory, and they will envy them so much. The guests are people from all over the world since the creation of

humanity. Blessed are those who are selected and invited to the ceremony, but the brides are much more blessed than the guests.

The spiritual world is not as simple as you think. You cannot imagine the world if you try to compare it with this world. The 144,000 are at such a fantastic level in heaven. Even the lowest ranked person in this group - the one hundred forty-four thousandth - has a rank that is much higher than that of the guests, who are not plain people but are notables in his spiritual world.

If you become one of the brides of the Lamb, it means that you are included in the family of God. Their names are written in the Lamb's book of life so that they will be able to see God anytime directly. Only the 144,000 can see God face to face.

However, those who are not among the 144,000 cannot directly see God, because of the hierarchy in heaven. It is the same even in this world. You know the president of America is living in White House, but you cannot see him anytime, also though you want to. But his cabinet members can directly see him. The kingdom of heaven is the place

where God reigns directly.

Today, I have revealed the seventh level in the hierarchy in heaven. The highest position is for God, the second is for Jesus, and the third is for the Overcomer who will sit on the other throne. The fourth is for Four Creatures, and the fifth rank is for twenty-four elders, the sixth is for the 144,000 kings. The seventh rank is designated for the guests who are invited to the wedding ceremony of the Lamb.

Chapter 36.

The glory of the New Jerusalem

From the sermon on January 26, 1975



Revelation describes seven promises for the Overcomer. Today, I am going to talk about the sixth blessing. Revelation 3:12 says “Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the New Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.” **Today, I’d like to talk about the name of the New Jerusalem.**

The New Jerusalem is the final story of the Bible. One angel told John the apostle in his vision, “I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb” and showed him the Holy City (the

New Jerusalem) coming down from heaven, decorated with luxurious jewels (Rev. 21:9-11).

First of all, when God officially commanded sacrifice to him for the first time, he gave his covenant to Moses. When God chose Moses to work on his plan, he taught him for the first time how and where he had to worship him and what he had to offer for him. God commanded Moses to prepare the priestly garments for his elder brother Aaron to officially worship him. God taught him how to design the garments for the priest who could enter into the Holy Place. Nobody could come into the Holy Place without those garments. To show that only those who wear the beautiful clothes can enter into the Holy Place in heaven, God commanded the priests to wear their beautiful clothes when they came into the Holy Place in the Old Testament days.

The most important part was the square breast piece that was the size of an adult's hand. Twelve precious stones were mounted in four rows. To put twelve stones in four rows, three jewels of them were mounted per row. On the twelve stones, twelve names were engraved very accurately, one name on each jewel of the breast piece. The principle of gems on the garments

is the same as that of the foundation of the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:19-20).

And then the priests wore a turban. The forehead part was broad to put a mark made of pure gold. 'HOLY TO THE LORD' was engraved on the gold mark, and it was fastened with a blue cord to the turban (Ex. 28:36-37).

Dear people, Revelation says that the 144,000 will have seals on their forehead. John, the apostle, heard the number of those whose forehead would be sealed (Rev. 7:4). They are 12,000 in each of the twelve tribes. It is the same as the priests had the mark 'HOLY TO THE LORD' on their forehead whenever they entered into the Holy Place.

Then who are the 144,000 who will have seals on their forehead? They are those who will serve as priests in heaven. But they are not in the order of Aaron. Aaron, who was the first priest, was descendant from Levi. And Jesus, who was the first priest in the order of Melchizedek, was from Judas.

After a priest in the order of Aaron died, the next one inherited the position. But they were not perfectly clean and pure; therefore their sacrificial offering was not perfect as well. Hebrews 7:11 says, "If perfection could have been attained

through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come - one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?"

Therefore, the priests in the order of Aaron became unnecessary when the priest in the order of Melchizedek came from the tribe of Judas. That's why the curtain between the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place was torn out when Jesus passed away on the cross (Matt. 27:51, Heb. 10:20). When the priest changed, the entire sacrificial system and the Moses' law also changed (Heb. 7:12).

Jesus Christ became the first fruits of the priests in the order of Melchizedek (1 Cor. 15:20, Heb. 6:20). Like Jesus, the 144,000 enter the Most Holy Place in heaven as the priests in the order of Melchizedek (Rev. 20:6). God commanded these priests in the order of Melchizedek to wear fine linen (Rev. 19:8).

The brides of the Lamb wear fine linen, bright and clean, and they have the seals of God on their foreheads as the priests in Israel had the mark on their foreheads. The 144,000 are those who receive the seals of God, wear fine linen and follow the Lamb riding white horses (Rev. 19:14). They are the army of

heaven.

John, the apostle, saw the beautiful and luxurious New Jerusalem as the symbol of the bride of Lamb (Rev. 21:2). God will make the Overcomer a pillar in his temple and write on him the name of the New Jerusalem (Rev. 3:12). God let the Overcomer know the names of those who will be the brides of the Lamb, which is related to his job. The Overcomer has to prepare them to be brides of the Lamb.

A righteous person could not come out in the Old Testament days even if they worked tirelessly for God, because the blood of Jesus was not offered yet. Jesus' blood, which can make us pure, wasn't around at that time.

Moses performed a lot of miraculous events; for example, he divided the Red Sea and raised water from stone with his stick. However, he could not expel even a single demon. But Paul, who was blessed by the Holy Spirit from Jesus Christ, could expel devils from people as shown in the Bible (Acts 16:18). Paul received the power that Moses could not have. That's why Paul said, "For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous" (Rom. 5:19).

Therefore, you must also realize that you are so blessed to receive the blessing of Jesus' blood for free so that your sin can be cleansed. It is so unusual for you to live in the time of the Overcomer who receives the blessing of the Holy Spirit from Jesus and delivers it to you.

You should understand why God let the Overcomer be the pillar of God's temple and wrote on him the name of the New Jerusalem and the new name of Jesus Christ.

The garments that Aaron used to wear had the names of the twelve tribes, and therefore he became the representative of the twelve tribes. Thus, the sacrifices of the Israelites could be received favorably by God, and all the sin of the people belonging to the twelve tribes could be cleansed.

Like the sacrifices of the high priests in the Old Testament days, God receives worship through the Overcomer who has the names of spiritual Israel on him as the pillar of God's temple. You have to always keep in mind how valuable is your connection to him with whom God communicates.

Chapter 37.

Only people designated will be able to see God

From the sermon on September 13, 2003, 30th
Anniversary Worship



Christians have never imagined that only specific numbers of people can see God in heaven. They have believed that they will be able to see and talk to God if they go to heaven.

As you know, there are more than two hundred countries on earth. South Korea has a population of forty-five million. It is not easy for people to see our president personally.

In the spiritual world, all the people since the creation of humanity will be judged and assigned to one of the 144,000 kingdoms of heaven or hell. There will be many levels in the hierarchy of heaven. Everyone's given level will depend on what they had done on earth. Thus it will be more difficult for souls

in heaven to see God than for those in this world to see a king or president.

You have recently been hearing about the spiritual world through the Overcomer. The Overcomer should be engaged in this holy work; therefore you can know the spiritual world to a certain extent. God needs to explain his world to his servant because he is to assist him with his plans for the spiritual world. Without knowing it, the Overcomer cannot work for him. But God commanded, “Do not tell anyone about what you see before the time has come.”

Only the 144,000 kings in heaven will be able to see God. Revelation says, “The throne of God and the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. … And they will reign forever and ever” (Rev. 22:3-5).

In my vision, I saw Jesus with the appearance he had in this world and the new appearance he has in heaven now. God, however, has never shown his face to me. So you can know how precious they will be who will be able to see his face.

Chapter 38.

“Live for me, please.”

From the sermon on September 30, 1989, 16th
Anniversary Worship



Adam was made in the image of God as the Bible described (Gen. 1:26). For example, if I make a robot similar to me, my living would be comfortable because my android can do some work for me. The President has secretaries who do the basic job for him, giving him more time and freedom to focus on more important things so that he can be much more comfortable working with their help.

God made human beings not in the image of animals, but in his image. If I am a creator and I need a dog to overpower my enemy, I will make a dog so that I will achieve my goal through my dog.

Now I'd like to tell you the essence of God's providence. God created human beings in his image. Because we were built in the image of God, we can do work in place of God. Therefore, if people who work for God get hurt, God also suffers a blow.

For example, a father wants to give his business to his sons. But if his sons were all dead, he would be saddened that he could not pass on the company to his family.

Human beings were very specially created so that God can let us take his place and work for him. However, his plan did not go as well as he had planned. Human beings became closer to Satan than God.

After Adam and Eve committed the original sin, God banished them from the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:23). After he drove them out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life (Gen. 3:24). Why did he defend the way to the tree of life?

Dear people, if your children came home, you would welcome them. But if you had to protect your home from your children, it would mean that they were no longer your children. If they come and say to you "Hello," and that's all, that will not matter

to you. But God protected the tree of life from his children. Their coming will be challenging to God. Human beings who were made for God began to work for Satan, so there was the danger that Adam and Eve would come into God's territory on behalf of Satan. Therefore, he had to guard the tree of life with a flaming sword.

He did not have to protect the tree of life before Adam and Eve committed Sin. But he had to defend it after they committed sin and he was grieved that he created them, and his heart was filled with pain (Gen. 6:6).

Since people have believed in God, they have been taught that God is almighty. Even the servants of God thought so. Why? Because God gave us the laws of Moses saying, "I am your only God. You have to worship only me. If you worship other gods, you will be punished." Therefore, people who just believed in God could not know any other than God. This principle has also been held in Christianity.

I do not mean almighty God is not good for us. But you should understand there was a problem. Christianity has believed that there is nothing for us to do for him because they think God is almighty and can do everything as he wants. People have

assumed that if we believe in him, everything will go well and we would be blessed. They have not known more than that. But I am trying to explain that God needs us. God created us because he wanted our help for him. He needs our force to overpower Satan.

Jesus Christ is the only Son of God, but he had to come down to this world to be crucified. For who did he have to sacrifice himself? He suffered pain and death for God, not for us. After Jesus was crucified, he would see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD would prosper in his hand (Is. 53:10). The 'offspring' are the followers who would suffer even death. When Jesus Christ calls us and we become his offspring, we will also have to endure pain as Jesus did for God. It is an essential part of believing in God.

It is good to get blessings from Jesus and to ask him for help. But the offspring who are selected by Jesus need to suffer pain for God as Jesus showed us (Matt. 16:24). That is the task given to us. We do not have to care about how other people believe in God and worship him. It is my responsibility to teach this to you.

Our LORD God created human beings according to his plan.

Jesus Christ requested the appearance of the Overcomer after he went up to heaven. Before the Overcomer came, Jesus' promises were not necessary for anybody. But now that the Overcomer has appeared, the guarantees that Jesus mentioned in Revelation must be given to him. That has become the core of our belief.



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Chapter 39.

Royal audience with God

From the sermon in the early morning on November 18,
1978, Anniversary Worship



Jesus Christ showed me several scenes of how he lived his life while he was in this world. The scenes include: the view that he was struggling with his death while reading the Scripture of Isaiah on the table that he made himself; the scene when he performed the miracle of feeding over five thousand people with two fishes and five loaves of bread; the scene when he was tortured while carrying the cross; the scene when he suffered his death on the cross; and the scene when he appeared with glory and brightness after his resurrection. When he showed me those scenes, he changed me into a new person so that I can teach you.

He came down to earth and appeared to me with bright and glorious clothes. Because I had never seen his appearance after he changed, I asked him, “Who are you?” Then he called my name and said, “I am Jesus of Nazareth.” I was so pleased to see him and bowed down to him. He said, “Let’s go to my Father.” He held my hand, and we flew up through the air. I was so scared because I had never been anywhere higher than the diving board at the swimming pool when I was a child.

I tried not to look down in fear, and then Jesus told me, “Do not be afraid, and just hold my hand tight.” As we flew higher, I saw that the houses below me were getting smaller and smaller. At that time I had not yet had the experience of flying in an airplane.

When we passed through the clouds, I remembered the scripture in Acts 1:9. “Jesus was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.” So I asked him, “My Lord, I remember that you went up to heaven after your resurrection. Did you rise to heaven like this?” Then he answered, “Yes, I did.” I could not ask more than that. I just held his hand tightly, trying not to drop down to the ground.

After flying for a while, he said, “Now, we are going through

Hades.” Until that time, I thought Hades would be under the ground. I felt odd because my common sense conflicted with what Jesus said.

Then, suddenly it became very dark. It was so dark that I could not see anything. Jesus told me again to hold his hand tight. We seemed to be moving very fast. But dark hands were coming in and out to catch me. It was such a frightening moment. I kept silent, holding Jesus’ hand tightly, putting my faith in him.

After a while, suddenly it became very bright. I could not open my eyes. You may have had the same experience. When you enter into a sunny place from the dark, you might be unable to open your eyes for a moment. It was the same as that.

I kept silent with my eyes closed. Then somebody told me, “Open your eyes.” So I opened my eyes slowly. When I looked down, the floor was smooth and shiny. I was sitting down. I heard, “Show me your face,” and then I saw God’s throne about 30 meters in front of me. It was a fantastic scene.

In the scene, a voice came from the middle of the throne. I felt there was someone, but I could not see the one on the throne. I saw a flame that was moving like a flame coming

from a melting furnace. I could see only the lower half of the body. I could not even see the throne because of the blaze.

Then I saw somebody standing near the throne. It was Jesus Christ. He had a very polite attitude toward God. He was on the right-hand side of me. He began to say to God, “This is the Overcomer whom I chose.” Then a voice came from the throne. “Your name is Lee Youngsoo, right?” I replied, “Yes, my LORD.” Then he continued, “Listen carefully to what I am saying.” He began to talk to me.

It reminded me of the scene in the Bible in which God asked Solomon, “What do you want?” Solomon said, “I inherited many things from David, my father. I have many people and much wealth. So I do not need anymore. Please give me the wisdom to manage all my things well.” While thinking of the story of Solomon in the Bible, I recognized that the throne was for God. So I wanted to see him if possible. But I could not see him.

He continued to say, “I will show you what you have to do like the second Olive Tree.” I was just confounded at the moment. I was so overwhelmed in front of God to see the magnificent world. Then he continued, “These are tasks for you to complete in the future,” and then he gave me a detailed explanation. It

was the first dialogue between God and me.

His voice came from the flame and ordered his angels, “Show him what will happen in the future.” The angels that were on the right-hand side of God came to me. They held my arms, and I was floated off. I arrived at a gloriously bright place instantly. It was a castle.

The castle looked like Seoul Station with its dome and surrounding it was a structure like the Great Wall in China. Suddenly I reached a hallway made of gold.

Then I came back to reality after I woke up. The Holy Spirit was with me. I knew that God gave me a task as he gave a job to Solomon. But he ordered me not to tell the story to anyone until the time comes. Therefore I kept quiet about it all. Even though Jesus and God gave me my task to work for them, if I had told others about them, people would have treated me as if I were crazy. I knew nobody would have listened to my words. So I have never told anyone what I had seen.

After I saw God’s world for myself, I also went to Satan’s world. Two devils came to me and tested me. “Leave from Jesus, and then I will do all for you as you want.” **I rejected their offers, and they dragged me to their kingdom. At the entrance, I saw**

an idol. It was so tall that its head looked far away. Therefore I had to lift my head under his feet. I thought it could not talk, but it spoke loudly to intimidate and threaten me. After they talked to each other, the idol ordered the two devils to draw me to their Great King, Satan.

His world was also such a magnificent one. Until now, all people, including God's servants, had overlooked Satan. But its power is too great and scary as well as God's. The sacrificial worship that humans offer appears as a scent in the incense burner of Satan. Satan receives sacrifices of people to their ancestors, offering sacrifices to gods, the shaman events and all other forms of worship.

When I saw the scene in front of Satan, the sounds of worship from people were coming out of the burner while Satan was seated in his big throne. His subordinates were sitting on his right and left side. A fire was coming out from his eyes. I was scared. He was taking all the sacrifices coming from the earth.

After Satan took the sacrifices, he commanded his followers to bless the people who offered them. He makes people rich or cures their diseases. The Bible never mentioned Satan as I saw him.

The spiritual world was more complex and luxurious than it is described in the Bible. Jesus revealed a little about Satan in Revelation. But actually, there were a lot of amazing things in the world of Satan.

When a devil has charge of a sea, it rules only the sea. When a devil has charge of some mountains, it rules just them. The devil that came down to Jesus to test him had been given the authority to reign the entire Earth (Luke 4:5-6). Satan has many subordinates and gives them their power.

If a person who used to worship Satan stopped offering sacrifices, subordinates of Satan would give him a hard time. For example, some bad accidents or bad luck would hit him and his family. Then if he were to resume the offering to Satan, his bad situation would disappear. That is what Satan always does.

If a person who used to offer sacrifice to Satan denounced his faith and switched his allegiance to God, Satan would try to retake him. He would have horrible dreams at night. Therefore some people stop believing in God. All of this happens because of the evil spirits.

After Jesus gave me his words for the first time, hundreds of venomous snakes were attacking me in my vision. It was

exceptionally frightening. Then Jesus commanded me to blow out power to them from my mouth. Then the snakes melted down by the authority. It was the power of the Holy Spirit that can break the power of Satan. What I saw in the vision has come true in real life. The power of Holy Spirit reaches out through me. The power of Jesus Christ overpowers the evil spirits of Satan.

Therefore, Satan hates the Holy Spirit. He is scared of the Overcomer who is always with the Holy Spirit. The Overcomer is a headache for Satan. I look like an average person. But if I visited someone's house, which is occupied by devils, the devils would be frightened. If I blew out the power of the Holy Spirit, the devils would be destroyed.

A woman once felt it in a district of Seoul, Korea. When I was blessing people in someone's house, an old woman ran out from her room. She was frightened because she saw three demons with horns running into her room.

Whenever I preach the words of God, I always tell you that the Holy Spirit has always been with me. You may think I am nothing special because you cannot see it.

The Overcomer is the one who inherits the water of life. He

does not receive the blessing from someone, but he pours the grace of living water to others (Rev. 21:6-7). Because the water is continuously flowing over, he plays a role to fill the water into others. He is the source of the living water.

We have worshiped God for five years since our church began. God gave me his blessing and authority so that I could renew the faith of people with his words and make them holy people with the Holy Spirit. If you were not in this providence of God, you would know well by yourselves what degree of faith you would have now. The task of the Overcomer is to make you holy with the blessing and the words of God and offer you to Jesus Christ.

The Overcomer has the power to turn water into the living water, the blood of Jesus (Rev. 11:6). If you do not understand it, you cannot follow me. Jesus directly told me, “From now on, you will never be overpowered and get dirty by the evil spirit, because I will always protect you.” From that time, I became free from sin. I obtained spiritual freedom.

If I were just like ordinary people, how could I bless you with the Holy Spirit? Since you have been working with me for five years, you might know my blessing, and my words have been

fulfilled.

I am working with the power that can save those who could not avoid hell by themselves. My authority is to keep people from their sin. Moses could not save even a single person from his sin. How could he save the other people if he could not save even himself? It was not because he was not a good servant of God, but because God had not yet given such a blessing to anyone.

Our time is so precious because nowadays God gives us such a blessing. You are so blessed and lucky because you have been called to do God's will. Therefore, you have to put your efforts to work on God's calling.

Chapter 40.

God's command to construct Algok Sungjeon

From the sermon in the early morning service on
October 3, 1989, 16th Anniversary Worship



Because many years have passed since we committed God's order to build Algok Sungjeon, I'd like to tell you how God led us to work on the construction. It was 1979, ten years ago, when God showed me we should construct his temple. He said in my vision, "Build my temple in a quiet area about an hour away from Seoul and worship me over there." It was the first of God's commands about the building of the temple.

On July 24, 1982, I had been working in the process of building the temple in Incheon city of Gyeonggi Province when God told me to make the temple with the labor of our people in the church.

And then God showed me the region of the Algok Sungjeon, and it was in Cheongpyeong area of Gyeonggi Province. God indicated that the size of the parking area for the temple had to be 250 meters in length and 50 meters in width. So I carefully measured the construction site and calculated the dimensions in my vision.

And then, on February 20, 1983, he showed our Algok Sungjeon surrounded by plants. Even though he showed me the mountain, I hadn't visited mountains many times, so I just thought it would seem to be overgrown with trees and have a beautiful view.

After that, I saw the succeeding vision, in which the temple was completed, and the grass was laid in front of it. With bright lights, people were enjoying and talking with each other until midnight. It was almost as if it were real. I did not have any idea how I could finish the construction at that time, so I was filled with a deep sense of gloom. But when I woke up, I was happy to have seen the delightful scene of sheep in the splendid and bright light in our temple. In this way, God showed me a sketch of our temple on February 20 in 1983.

After one year, on August 20 in 1984, God directly instructed

me about the shape of the temple. The form of the upper part of the tower of Algok Sungjeon is like torchlight, and that of the annex building is the same. It looks like a snail and a conical bell. The tower on the temple is six meters high, and the one on the annex building is only three meters high. But if you look at those towers in the parking area from further down the hill, they appear to be the same size because the temple is located higher and farther than the annex building. It looks like two flames standing next to each other if you see them from the parking area at night.

As you know, Rev. 11:3-4 says: “And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two Olive Trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.”

The two conical bell towers stand for the two lampstands to worship God. The towers look like flames when we turn on the light at night. God instructed me to make the two towers to symbolize the two lampstands.

For the construction of the first annex building, I tried to make a three-story building - the first and second floors for our convenience and the third for worshipping God. The fourth

floor was not permitted at that time in this area because it was a military protected area, but God instructed me to build a four-story building. After much meandering, I constructed it as God showed. Without God's help, I couldn't have done it.

God instructed me to put the cross on the front side of the temple, where the bell tower is located, along with the shape of seven angels with a trumpet and then the two branches of an Olive Tree on each side of the cross. Now you can see all of them as God instructed. I have been working on the construction as God showed.

After God officially told me the shape of the buildings in my vision, I tried to find out the region. I did not know where to find a mountain that matches the one in my vision. I visited several places to see the area that God showed me. But I couldn't find the right place. So I took a look at the notes I had recorded God's instruction and found the area name, 'Cheongpyeong.' Because I was not familiar with the Cheongpyeong area, I took a look at several places there until I found the right place. Finally, I was able to see the place that I saw in my vision. On that night, God ordered me to purchase the area and initiate the construction immediately.

When I tried to purchase the land, the landlord had gone to the United States. But he came back to Korea to sell his property because he urgently needed money. After the transaction, he said, “I have no idea why I had to sell the land. I sold it cheaper than I purchased it.”

After that, we began to arrange the area step by step. The area also contained the farmland of a few people. I couldn't have bought the whole area without the help from God. God enabled the circumstances under which the owners had to sell their land.

When I built the first annex building, some of the areas was someone's property. The owner did not want to sell his land. I could not start the construction without buying the land. But then the owner found himself in an urgent situation and had to sell the area for the exact amount of money I had available to buy it. Therefore, I was able to work on the construction.

In similar ways, God instructed and helped us to construct the buildings in our temple area. Many government administrators who came to see after this temple completed said that they could not understand how we could build such unusual structures in the mountain reserved for the army.

If we had tried to do them in our ways, we could not have finished anything. A few other churches wanted to buy the area before we did, but the owners did not want to sell their land. Just when I tried to buy their property, they had some urgent situations, and they had to sell their land to me, as they said.

We are still working on our temple area in these ways. It would not have been so severe if our neighborhood was located in other places. The former president, Jeonghee Park, and the local government protected the area from development because it was supremely beautiful. Therefore, the construction was strict.

When I tried to build the temple building of Seoul Church in 1976, about ten years before we made the Algok Sungjeon, a government official in the Korea Housing Corporation refused us permission to purchase for the construction of the temple. Then I prayed to God, “If you do not help us, we cannot continue to work on the temple construction. Please help us to get permission.” Then the next day, Gyuwon Jang the elder applied to the purchase, and I waited for their response. He came back

to me with the good news that our application was accepted. But I got a phone call from Gyuwon Jang at home that evening. He told me the government official wanted to retract our application. Then I went to see the official.

He begged me to cancel the permission. “It was my terrible mistake,” he said. “This area is just for houses, not for churches. You cannot build a church on it. I have never made such a mistake in the thirty years I have served in government.” But I said “No.” because it was the work of God.

After that, the official continued to interfere with our construction. We needed another permission from the local government, but he pressured them not to give it to us. So I prayed to God again and then finally, with the help of someone, who I still do not know to this day, we received permission to go ahead with the construction. It began on November 5th, although I bought the land in September.

It was freezing when construction began. We had to build the bell tower. But it was risky to make the tower in the cold weather because the concrete would have been partially frozen and the structure would have collapsed when it melted. After we poured the concrete, the weatherman reported that

the temperature would be minus 14 degrees Celsius the next day. So I prayed God for his help. Then the weather forecast I heard on the radio during the night repeatedly changed. Finally, the temperature rose above five degrees Celsius, and it was warm to the last day of the year.

After we finished the bell tower, a storm hit with strong winds. It was so severe that I was worried about the tower. But the tower was strong enough to withstand the rain. At that time we stayed at Ahyun-dong in Seoul until December, the owner of the building in which our church was located wanted to terminate the rental contract. But I remained there until December and moved into the new temple at the beginning of the next year, even though I could not paint the wall. These were such difficult times.

God showed me his plan for the interior of the Algok Sungjeon in vision on August 20, 1984. He also taught me a scene in another vision for the work to broaden and pave the entrance road of the temple area on July 1 in 1985. God showed that we should plant beautiful trees on both sides of the way.

Because God showed me the entrance road in 1985, I

planned to make the entrance road three years later, after finishing our temple. But he instructed again to make the entrance road as soon as possible when we were building our temple in 1987. So I immediately worked on purchasing the area to make the drive. If I had tried to make the road later, as I had planned, it would have been big trouble because the price of the area went up very fast. The road will be fully paved soon after we finish the reclaiming work of the land for the third annex building.

I had some worry because some of the construction would be too difficult for our people's limited skills. Because God instructed me to build the temple with my sheep's effort, only I and our people were working on the construction. But we did not have the skills to complete it alone. So I was thinking, "How can I solve this problem? Can I employ outside people or should I keep going with our people, even though it would take much longer?"

Because of that, I had a vision on July 16, 1986. God instructed me to hire outside people who had the skills to complete the difficult parts, so I was able to finish it. If God had not taught me to use the experts from outside, I would have had great

difficulties. With his allowance, I was able to complete the tricky parts.

I have told you just a few examples of God's instruction regarding the construction of our Algok Sungjeon area. But there were many episodes such as these.

During my work for God in the early 1970's, I had great difficulties, and he encouraged me almost every three days. I felt how much he took care of me so that I was not frustrated. After God's work was stabilized, he did not instruct me quite as often as before. From some examples, we could feel how carefully he was caring and leading us.

We are now able to enjoy the comfort and the blessings physically and also worship and glorify God spiritually. Our temple area is the place where we will be blessed. Our temple has become so beautiful since the road works were completed and decorated with flowering plants.

As God showed me, we enjoyed swimming in our outside pool. You may see it as usual, but I, as the servant of God, am so emotionally impressed to look at the results made step by step as God instructed.

Chapter 41.

Heavenly Banquet Hall

From the sermon on March 19, 2006



Let me read Revelation Chapter 4. “After this, I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this’” (Rev. 4:1). **It was said that there was a door standing open in heaven.** In some of my visions, I find myself outdoors, staring at the sky. I then notice a hole in the clear blue sky above me. It is through this hole that I have laid eyes on God, although I am only able to see his lower half. Even though I am sleeping in reality, I see myself in my visions, staring at this hole in the sky, receiving direct communication from God.

John, the apostle, heard a loud voice speaking to him like a trumpet. “Come up here,” commanded the sound, coming down from heaven through the door. John, the apostle, was immediately led by the Holy Spirit to heaven. It is hard to understand for those who have never experienced this. There was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.

It was two thousand years ago that John had this vision. But now I know what it meant because I had the same experiences several times in my visions.

Dear people, you might have a good understanding of the countries you have already visited. If a TV program presented the city of Rome and you had visited it before, you would easily understand the scene.

It is the same with regards to the Bible. Because it was recorded with the Holy Spirit’s help, it would not be difficult to understand for someone has been moved by the Holy Spirit. It is the same God who made his servant record his words in the Bible and let other servants fulfill them.

Then, before John was led up to heaven by the Holy Spirit, he heard, “I will show you what must take place after this.” It was like the trailer of a movie. Just as we can see an advertisement

for a movie coming soon, John saw the preview of what must take place.

After I finished the construction of Algok Sungjeon, God said in my vision, “You have had put great efforts in the construction of my temple. I will make you honorable and valuable.” Then I replied, “My LORD, I am satisfied even now already. I do not need it. But I want you to remember all the efforts of my followers who have worked hard, even in difficult conditions, and reward them according to their efforts.”

A few years after that, God opened the sky again, just as John saw a door standing open in heaven. I stood at the water fountain in front of Algok Sungjeon, and God opened the sky. When he spoke to me from his throne, there was a bright light coming from his throne to the front of the fountain through the fog like a winding path. Then he said, “Come and stand over it.” So I stood over it to see him and saw his throne and his robe. I couldn’t see the upper half of his body because of the flame-like form. His voice said, “Your sheep will enter my kingdom through this temple.”

Algok Sungjeon was built as God instructed me to glorify and worship him. But the heavenly Banquet Hall is the place where

the banquet will be held for the 144,000 after God's Providence is accomplished. Jesus Christ, who became the first fruit in the order of Melchizedek, will organize the banquet and introduce the 144,000, from both the Old Testament days and the New Testament days, one by one. When I saw in my vision, while Jesus Christ introduced each of the 144,000, there was a screen showing what efforts the person did for God and Jesus during his life. I asked God to build a model of the heavenly Banquet Hall in our temple area. Then God showed me how to make the model using H-shaped beams, so I was able to plan the construction.

I also saw one of the office rooms in that each of the 144,000 will work. Each room has a name tag. I thought the office room would be significant, but its size was just about one hundred square meters, as an office for the members of the National Assembly. But the office was splendidly decorated with jewels. It was shining and bright. The hallway was also made of gold. There was no light, but it was bright. Then I woke up and I remembered a scripture in Revelation. "The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp" (Rev. 21:23). In the heavenly

Banquet Hall that we are currently building on our mountain, I will make one of the rooms like the office room of kings in heaven. To mimic the office area, we need indirect light to make the space bright.

I am going to make twelve seats in the building to imitate the places for the 144,000 in the heavenly Banquet Hall in heaven. In the spiritual world, one seat is about three square meters.

We also require screens. I am going to replicate the scene in which Jesus Christ will introduce the 144,000 one by one. I will play a video clip of construction work of our Algok Sungjeon area for each person and call the person saying, “Look, this is the scene showing that you worked hard for God when you were working for the construction of this building.” The person will already have become older, but he will be touched by seeing his scene from when he was younger.

When I saw the scene, Jesus’ clothes were not bright and shining. It was just like a night robe, similar to a towel. It was a little gray. So I am looking for that kind of cloth because I want to wear it identical to the way Jesus Christ did. I will grow a beard like him. I am planning these procedures because I have to mimic those so that you can feel it. I will present the scene as

I saw it.

I'm very excited to show you the scene. I am grateful to God for letting me show you the view in the model of the Hall. It will look like a fairy tale to you. But it will come true and be so amazing in the spiritual world.

I am going to make a model office to let you feel what the office will be like in the spiritual world. I will also decorate the office with gold-plating and pinchbeck.

John saw twenty-four thrones for twenty-four elders as described in Revelation. I will construct a throne that looks the same as what I saw in my vision. If someone is seated wearing an imitation of a golden crown, he will look like the person that I saw in the vision. Whenever you listen to my words about the spiritual world, you may feel it is like a fairy tale. You may think, "He is lying for sure." Therefore I always refer to the Bible to support my words.

Chapter 42.

Primitive life of human beings and the mark of Cain

From the sermon on September 24, 2006



As science and technology have been developing, it has been revealed that human beings have lived on earth for quite a long time. Scientists can accurately estimate the age of relics. Therefore, it seems to be wrong that Christianity calculates human history as six thousand years according to the Bible.

After God expelled Adam and Eve, he resumed communication with human beings six thousand years ago when human intelligence had been developed enough. That is not the whole history of humanity. Therefore, if we insist that human history be just six thousand years, it would not be matched with the evidence of human history that scientists

have found so far.

There are some problems for Christians to claim only six thousand years for human history because there are some phrases in scriptures that do not support their claim. One example is in Gen. 4:14-15. “‘Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.’ But the LORD said to him, ‘Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over.’ Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him.”

According to the descriptions in the Bible, there should be only Adam, Eve, Cain, and Abel at that time. After Cain killed Abel, there should remain only three people. But Cain was worried about being killed by others, and God gave him a mark so that no one would kill him. Therefore, those scriptures contradict the assertion of a six thousand year history.

God created Adam and let him live in the Garden of Eden. But his appearance changed after he ate the fruit from the tree of knowledge that God prohibited him from eating. After that, he was able to see what he could not see before and to feel his shame of being naked (Gen. 3:7). So God made garments of skin

for him and his wife and clothed them (Gen. 3:11, 21). There was no detailed description of how Adam and Eve continued to live after having been expelled from the Garden of Eden in the Bible.

I saw in my vision how the descendants of Adam and Eve lived in severe conditions after they were expelled from the Garden of Eden. They lived like animals. There was no housing for them. It was prehistoric life.

Neither anthropologists nor Biblical scholars have imagined that it was this way. Because God showed me the scenes, I was able to understand the situation at that time.

They used to move around with twenty to thirty people together, had to catch an animal with clubs for food and ate it raw, lived in a cave and protected the entrance with big logs from big animals. In the vision, I saw big birds flying. One wing appeared to be eight meters long. People at that time could not communicate verbally with each other. They interacted with each other with simple sounds, like animals.

As time went by, human beings became civilized. Students learn the periods of civilization including the Neolithic, Bronze, and Iron ages in their schools.

In my vision, I saw the mark that God gave Cain on a round copper plate. The front of the plate was engraved with the four creatures of God and the back with a pictographic message. It was the Bronze era. Cain was a farmer and Abel was a shepherd (Gen. 4:2). It tells us that the culture at the time of Cain and Abel had developed much from the time of Adam and Eve.

Why did the Bible characterize Cain and Abel as the children of Adam and Eve? A long time had passed between the time of Adam and Eve and the time of Cain and Abel. God never communicated with others during that period. It was not necessary for God to record the period in that he was not engaged. Therefore, the Bible assumes Cain and Abel as the children of Adam and Eve.

Jesus Christ was born in Israel and passed away at the age of thirty-three. But nobody knows about his twenties because it wasn't recorded in the Bible. I saw a scene in one of my visions in which Jesus, who was about twenty years old, was praying to God while reading the prophecy of Isaiah after he finished his carpentry work.

I also saw a scene in which he took his cross on his shoulders

in the court of Pilate, a scene in which he performed the miracle of feeding over five thousand people with two fish and five loaves of bread, and a view in which people took down Jesus' dead body from the cross. His corpse was yellowish at the time because his blood had been completely drained.

Because Jesus showed me scenes from his life and death two thousand years ago, I gained an understanding of his life. And he commanded me to witness what I saw. Therefore, I will show what I saw in pictures. You may accept those pictures as truth, but you may have difficulty in taking the image of his current appearance as truth.

Other Christians do not consider this problem. They are not concerned with what Jesus' appearance is. However, I am the servant of God who has to perform his spiritual work, so I was able to learn about Jesus who was glorified. What I am revealing now might be threatening to Christianity. It is difficult to believe that the appearance of Jesus when he was in this world is different from his appearance after he went up to heaven. But it is true no matter whether you believe it or not.

Jesus told me, "If people see you, they see me, and they will know everything about me." **and** "I will give them my blessing

through you.” The spiritual world has been revealed bit by bit. Today I am talking about the primitive life of the descendants of Adam and Eve after they were expelled from the Garden of Eden.

The Garden of Eden was not located on earth. Adam and Eve were living spirits when they were created. They were not made of flesh and bone. After they ate the fruit from the tree of knowledge, their appearance changed. It took time, and it did not happen instantly. God expelled them from the Garden. After he drove Adam out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life (Gen. 3:24).

God prohibited Adam and Eve from entering the Garden again, meaning that their new place was different from the Garden of Eden. The new site is the earth. If the Garden were also on the earth, it does not make sense because it would mean they were sent to the very same place from which they were expelled. Also, the four creatures who are the chiefs of angels protected the Garden, indicating that Adam and Eve were also spirits.

If the Garden of Eden was on earth and we wanted to enter it,

would we need to change from flesh to spirit? No, it would not be necessary. We would have been able to join it with the flesh. However, the Bible tells us that we need to change to a spirit, saying “So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, and it is raised imperishable” (1 Cor. 15:42).

These words are more detail than those in Revelation. How amazing are the words in Revelation? But Jesus in Revelation was different from the man who was tortured and crucified on the cross. He was shining. His appearance was different from that when he had his body in this world. Now, for the first time, I am going to reveal his presence in the picture. It will be so surprising and controversial to the people in the world. To prove the truth of what I'd like to show, I will show several scenes that I saw in the vision.

If a deaconess in our church passed away and saw Jesus in the spiritual world, she would immediately recognize him, saying “My Lord, Jesus!” Then he would reply to her, “You can recognize me because you saw my face as a picture.” It would look like a fairy tale.

I had also thought Jesus' appearance would be the same as

when he was in this world. Therefore, when I saw him for the first time, I asked him, “Who are you?” Then he replied with a smile, “I am Jesus of Nazareth. Let’s go to my Father.” I will make pictures describing the scenes in which I saw God with Jesus Christ.

When God ordered angels to show me the Holy Castle to be made in the future, I was led to see the scenes. John the apostle also saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband (Rev. 21:2).

After we complete the construction of our temple area, I will put the scenes that God showed me as pictures in the lobby of the heavenly Banquet Hall. When other people see the introductory book translated into different languages and visit here, they may understand like what the spiritual world looks. And they may think about whether the spiritual realm really exists, and then consider whether the spiritual world resembles the pictures.

Epilogue

Redactor's comments

The Providence of God

This book contains 42 sermons of Lee Youngsoo, the Overcomer. He has taught the Providence of God since 1970 and his sermons have been published in sixteen books. Because of many books, people who are new to his sermons may have difficulty in reading and understanding its outlines. To deliver his message in a more concise and palatable way, I planned this book.

However, with only restricted sermons chosen for this book, it is not easy to present the message of God's will in complete form. I tried to extract the most appropriate sermons for readers to catch the flow of God's providence, but it is not

a whole picture. In this chapter, I'll try to summarize and introduce the core contents of his preaching.

God's providence and the corresponding shadows

God has shared his secrets to a limited extent through the Overcomer. He shared just enough for the people of the world to accept the work of God while keeping secret his strategy for the war against Satan.

When Jesus went back to heaven, he took the scroll from the right hand of God (Rev. 5:7). He was able to understand God's will entirely after he read the book. So he called John the apostle to deliver the will of God to his disciples (Rev. 1:1).

Therefore, Revelation contains the words that Jesus could not teach while he was in this world, the secret on that God had retained and the plan of Jesus that he would work.

The ultimate goal of God's will is to overpower Satan. After Satan is demolished, the final judgment will be performed, and then a new heaven and new earth will be created.

God needs human beings to demolish Satan. In other words, he needs an army for the war against Satan. The soldiers of the

military are the 144,000 mentioned in the Bible (Rev. 14:1). They are the brides of the Lamb who wear fine linen (Rev. 19:7-8) and whose names are listed in the book of life of the Lamb (Rev. 21:27).

The 144,000 are not made in one generation. The soldiers are composed of those beheaded in the Old Testament days for the words of God and those martyred in the New Testament days for their testimony of Jesus (Rev. 20:4, 17:14). The Overcomer's task is to complete the number.

God's plan to demolish Satan extends over seven thousand years. The first two thousand year period is from Cain and Abel to Abraham, the second one is for from Abraham to Jesus, and the third one is for from Jesus to the Overcomer. After the Overcomer completes the number of the army in heaven, there will be an additional period of one thousand years during which the 144,000 will be trained for the war and then perform the battle against Satan to accomplish the will of God.

To inform us of his plan of the seven thousand years work, he made the history of Israel for seven hundred years from Abraham to the war in Canaan. Israel is a kingdom of priests and a holy nation among all human beings (Ex. 19:6).

The history of Israel is the shadow of God's providence (Heb. 8:5). The history in the Old Testament shows many shadows of the spiritual world. The fundamentals are that the history of Israel (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, twelve sons of Jacob, twelve tribes of Israel, Canaan War, Division of the land, etc.) was a symbolic precursor to events that unfolded later (God, Jesus, the Overcomer, twenty four elders, the 144,000 [twelve tribes of the spiritual Israel], Armageddon War in spiritual world, the authority of kings in the new heaven and the new earth, etc.). Other symbols include Exodus, Passover, the sacrificial system, and so forth. But I will not discuss those here.

God created the earlier events of Israel so that they could serve as evidence later. Both the Overcomer and Jesus often refer to the events of Israel as parallel events of the plans that God had for them.

Abraham and God

Abraham executed the role of God. God called him 'a blessing' (Gen. 12:2) and let him change his name from Abram to Abraham, which means a father of many nations (Gen. 17:5). He

is the shadow of God. God is the origin of the blessing that can bless all human beings and the father of many nations because he created humanity and will rule all tribes and people after he accomplishes his will.

God created human beings but expelled them when they committed Sin. God does not allow sinners to come into his kingdom. Besides Adam and Eve, when Cain committed Sin, God did not accept his sacrificial offering (Gen. 4:5-7). When he killed Abel, he was expelled from among the people of God (Gen. 4:11-12). When his people were in sin, God killed them by flood in the time of Noah (Gen. 6:5-7). He also destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of their sins (Gen. 18:20-21). He ordered the Israelites to demolish Canaan to punish their sin (Lev. 18:24-25). When Israel committed the same Sin, he also destroyed the entire country (2 King. 17:16-20).

God wants righteous people. He tried to forgive the whole sin of Jerusalem if he could find but one person who deals honestly and seeks the truth (Jer. 5:1). When God saw what they did for repentance and how they returned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction that he had threatened (Jonah 3:10). When a righteous man turns

from his righteousness and does evil, the righteous things he did will not be remembered. When a sinner turns from his sin and does righteous, the evil things he did will not be recognized (Ezek. 3:17-21). John the Baptist and Jesus Christ preached “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near” (Matt. 3:2, 4:17). If we do not abstain from sin, we can’t come close to God.

God created all human beings, and therefore he could also remove all of them if he wanted. But he did not dismiss us, because he needs us (Is. 43:7). Because we are cursed and living in human bodies of flesh and bone now, we cannot know how valuable we are. But God wants to wage war against Satan with us. Therefore, humanity has the power to fight against Satan.

Of course, a human being does not have the power while he has a physical body. When he goes to God, he will receive the power. However, God will not accept anybody. After he saw Adam sin against God, he wanted to make a person who would never sin again. Our sins can be cleansed with Jesus’ blood, but there is no guarantee that we would not sin again. Therefore, people such as martyrs who keep their faith in death are precious to God.

Isaac and Jesus

God commanded Abraham to offer his son Isaac for a burnt sacrifice (Gen. 22:2). The sacrifice of providing a child was common among Gentiles at that time. Abraham would have thought the command of God to be the same as any of sacrifice in those times. But God never commanded for human beings to be sacrificed, except for Jesus, his only Son. His command to Abraham to offer Isaac was the shadow of the sacrifice of Jesus. At the moment that Abraham tried to kill his son, an angel stopped him.

God was very angry that human beings created in his image were being delivered to Satan as a sacrifice. Canaanites used to offer their children to Molech, which was one of the reasons that God wanted to destroy Canaan with the Israelites (Lev. 20:2-5). God showed his wrath when human beings, which had been created for his glory, worshiped and glorified Satan. He grieved when the dignity of humanity was undermined (Is. 42:8).

It was inevitable for God to give us his Son as a sacrificial offering. Since Adam and Eve became dirty after eating the fruit from the tree of knowledge, all human beings have

been born with the original sin. The sins from their acts are also added to the inherited sin so that their blood becomes dirtier than it had been at their birth. All of the crimes are also transferred from generation to generation. God could not help but sacrifice his only Son, to cleanse our sins. So he called Abraham to carry out his plan. The history of Israel after Abraham followed God's plan to become a shadow, showing a preview of the will of God.

Jesus came to this world and was crucified according to the will of God. After God received the offering of Jesus' sacrifice, he made the fountain of living water, which has been the only way to cleanse human beings from sin and impurity (*Zech. 13:1*). We can go to God's world when our sin and impurity are completely cleansed so that we can obtain eternal life. Therefore, the water from the fountain is called 'living water' and gives us eternal life. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him at the last day" (*John 6:54*). He did not mean that in the literal sense, but they were the symbolic meaning of this blessing.

Because the fountain of living water was made by Jesus' sacrifice and God's work, Revelation describes the water

flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb (Rev. 22:1).

Jesus thought when he was in this world that he could give the living water to people and complete the work of God immediately after he was crucified and went back to heaven. Therefore, he said, “This generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened” (Matt. 24:34). But after he received and opened the book sealed with seven seals from God, he learned God’s plan that the two Olive Trees were expected to do his will with the inheritance of the spring of living water (Zech. 4:12, 14:8; Rev.21:6-7). The two Olive Trees were already prophesied by Zechariah, and even Jesus did not know about their task back then. It was the secret of God.

Therefore, Jesus wanted to find two people worthy of being the Overcomers, so that he could set them as the two Olive Trees. The promises for these Overcomers were recorded in Revelation chapter 2 and 3. Jesus calls the two Olive Trees as his two witnesses (Rev. 11:3-4). The two Olive Trees are supposed to witness Jesus, not had been in this world but being in the spiritual world after the crucifixion. Therefore, without their witness, how can anyone know what Jesus wants to do? God gave the spring of the water of life to the Overcomer as an

inheritance and the task to complete the remaining number of the armies in heaven (Rev. 21:6-7, 3:12).

Jacob and the Overcomer

Jacob was the shadow of the Overcomer. Jacob received the name of Israel after he had struggled with an angel and had overcome it on the bank of the Jabbok River (Gen. 32:28). God also called him again and named him Israel (Gen. 35:10).

Jacob had twelve sons whose names became the twelve tribes in Israel according to the will of God. As Jacob was the head of the twelve tribes of Israel, the Overcomer is supposed to complete the twelve tribes in spiritual Israel, the armies of heaven 144,000, and become the head of them. Israel on earth was the shadow of spiritual Israel.

John, the apostle, saw the New Jerusalem in his vision and it was surrounded by a wall with twelve foundations, on which the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb were written (Rev. 21:14). The city also had twelve gates. The names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written on the gates (Rev. 21:12). Twenty-four elders can be calculated by adding the twelve names

on the foundations and the twelve names on the gates. Jacob had twelve sons, but they were the shadow of the twenty-four elders, who are representatives of the 144,000 of the Old and New testaments days, in the spiritual world.

The Overcomer will add the remaining numbers of the 144,000 and complete the twelve tribes of spiritual Israel. The task of the Overcomer is described in Rev. 3:12 “Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.” **The New Jerusalem means the brides of the Lamb who are the 144,000 righteous kings (Rev. 21:9-10).** The names of the 144,000 will be written on the Overcomer, meaning that his task is to complete the members.

After the Overcomer accomplishes his task, he will be given authority over the nations and their 144,000 kings (Rev. 2:26). As Jesus Christ overcame all the obstacles to fulfill his duty and sat down with his Father on his throne, the Overcomer will receive the right to sit with Jesus on his throne (Rev. 3:21). He will gain the third highest rank in God’s world.

Jesus knew two thousand years ago that he needed two Overcomers. Now, the Overcomers have appeared, and Jesus asked them to complete the number of the armies in heaven.

The twelve tribes in Israel and the 144,000

The twelve tribes of Israel are the shadow of the spiritual twelve tribes of Israel, the 144,000. The people in Israel were many, but the numbers of the people in spiritual Israel are limited to 144,000 (Rev. 14:1).

Today, there are over one billion Christians in the world. The 144,000 are a mere drop in the ocean compared to this significant number. People may be surprised to learn that the numbers have still not been completed, because they do not realize how valuable each of the 144,000 is. The people included in the 144,000 are mostly martyrs. They were not killed by accident during the persecution of Christians but were righteous persons who were willing to abandon their lives to keep their faith.

The people who become the bride of the Lamb by their pain and death will receive tremendous authority in the spiritual

world after the spiritual war. They will gain the power to judge all people from the beginning of humanity and the authority to be kings and high priests (Rev. 20:4-6). It is not easy to be included in the number.

The value of a single righteous person is so immense that God would have forgiven the sins of all the people in Jerusalem if he had found one amongst them (Jer. 5:1). God knows that he will be able to destroy the power of Satan, which is like the sand on the seashore, with only 144,000 righteous people. Therefore, we can assume how strong the person who possesses the light of God would be.

The war in Canaan and the Battle of Armageddon

The twelve tribes of Israel went to fight against the Canaanites. God planned the war before he chose Abraham and he had already spoken about the war to him (Gen. 15:13-16). In other words, God chose Abraham for the war in Canaan. He wanted to show his will to destroy Satan through the war in Canaan.

God said he wanted the war in Canaan because the sins of

the Amorites - who were one of the Canaan tribes - had reached its full measure (Gen. 15:16). In other words, the war in Canaan was a war against sin and Satan, who is the source of the crime. God will destroy Satan entirely in the future. He commanded the complete destruction of the Canaanites as the shadow of the destruction of Satan. It does not mean that only Canaanites had sin at that time. God remembered the curse of Noah and decided to set them as the shadow of the power of Satan.

The distribution of the land and the authority of kings

The Israelites conquered Canaan and divided the area among the twelve tribes, which symbolize the authority that the 144,000 will receive after they destroy Satan in the spiritual world. After the war, all the people who are under the power of Satan will be taken and judged (Rev. 20:12). At that time, the 144,000 will receive the authority to judge them, and the people will be divided into 144,000 places to be judged (Rev. 20:4).

After the final judgment, the people who will live in the kingdom of heaven or hell will be determined. There will be

144,000 kingdoms in heaven. Therefore people will live in one of the kingdoms of 144,000 kings. God promised Jesus Christ the authority to rule the kingdoms of heaven as his inheritance, and Jesus promised the Overcomer the same power (Ps. 2:8, Rev. 2:26). Therefore, the Overcomer will rule over the 144,000 kings of the nations.

The 144,000 kings will reign over their nations forever (Rev. 22:5) and be priests of God and Christ (Rev. 20:6). In this world, the authority to worship God as a priest is separate from the power to rule a nation as a king. But in the spiritual world, the two powers are combined into one because God himself will rule his kingdom (Rev. 11:17). Until then, Jesus must reign the Heaven (1 Cor. 15:25). Therefore, the 144,000 will have the authority to be priests as well as kings.

Recommendation

Now the relationship between Israel on earth and spiritual Israel has been revealed. When Jesus came into this world, many people who had believed in God could not recognize him as the Son of God and did not accept him. They killed him, and

in doing so, they stumbled on the rock as prophesied in the Bible (Rom. 9:33).

Did the Pharisees and Priests fail to recognize the Son of God because they did not know the Bible well enough? No, they knew the Bible perfectly well, but God did not clearly show his plan for the war against Satan. He could not because it was the top secret for the war. Jesus taught about the spiritual world with parables. When his disciples asked him, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” he replied, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them” (Matt. 13:10-11).

When the Israelites worshiped idols and committed sin, God was so furious that he prophesied through Isaiah, “You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.” The curse of God for the Israelites came true in the time of Jesus (Matt. 13:14-15).

Nowadays, we are in the time that God will complete his providence through the Olive Tree. Because the Jews did not accept Jesus as the Son of God, they were abandoned by God. Christianity has been established by the people who have believed in Jesus Christ. And the work of the Overcomer was

prophesied through John, the apostle. The Overcomer has appeared among the Christians, and he is still working to complete the will of God.

Christians should not follow in the wake of the Jews. God opens the way for us to receive his blessing in his providence. I hope you make the right decision after reading this book.

God made a plan to save humankind in sin and called Abraham to build a nation to send His only begotten son, Jesus. When Jesus came, Israel's mission ended, and Judaism developed into a new covenant and gospel-based Christianity. Jesus, through the cross, fulfilled the spring water of life that could destroy our sins. God has already planned two olive trees to work with the living water in inheritance. When Jesus ascended to Heaven, he received a book from God and knew the plan of God. He called the apostle John to reveal it to his disciples. In that revelation, he promises, if the overcomer comes out, to give him the inheritance of the spring water of life and give the mission of the two olive trees.

